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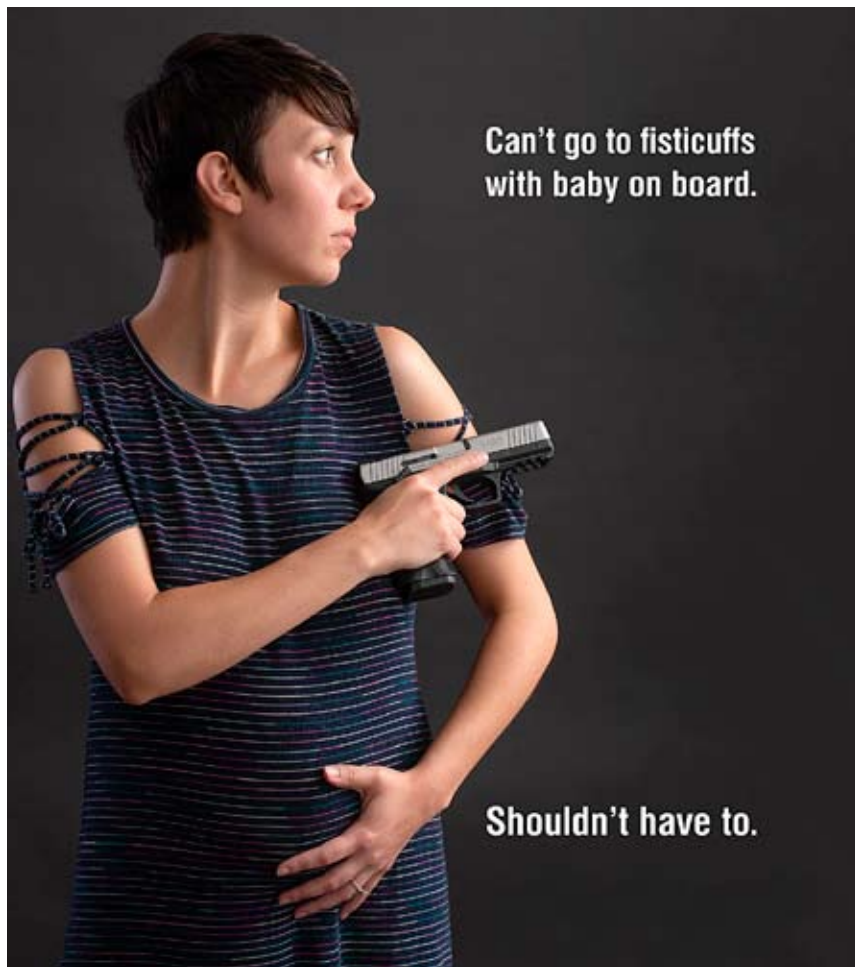
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PEORIA special date: APRIL 8th

Food at Pontiac's new location!

New leadership in Charleston.

Plan and prepare accordingly...

YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN

(GSL) - Governor J.B. Pritzker has signed the new police reform bill into law. The bill passed the General Assembly on the last day of the lame duck session in January. It will eliminate cash bail, as police will release virtually all arrestees after processing.

The new law will make law enforcement jobs more risky for officers, too.

In Chicago, police have backed off proactive policing for several years now, and anyone can see the results in the spiraling crime. Four of five homicides there go un-

solved. What's more, police only make arrests in about 2% of non-fatal shootings.

Now, this new legislation will have cops across Illinois avoiding proactive policing to protect their jobs and families.

With less policing, criminals will become more emboldened to practice their trade.

This means the good people in Illinois and their families will face increasingly dangerous streets and bolder violent predators. In fact, we'll be on our own more so than ever before.

What can you do to protect yourself and your loved ones? Well, Illinoisans are applying for Firearm Owner ID cards in record numbers. They're also buying guns, both in Illinois and in neighboring states.

Land of Lincoln residents are also applying for their concealed carry licenses so they can carry the great equalizer with them in their daily lives.

After all, people aren't stupid. Smart folks know that the only thing that stops bad people with evil in their hearts is a good guy with a gun.

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Vern Cisney (1953-2021)
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April 2021

Watch the GunsSaveLife.com website for updates

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **April 5** (4pm & 7pm), May 3
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **April 6**, May 4
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18791 N 1300 East Rd., Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **April 7**, May 5
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **April 8 *Special date***, May 6
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **April 13**, May 11
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **April 8**, May 13
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland (South):** *Returning someday!*

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.

Meetings are free and open to public.

Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.
Dinner is optional.



What's better than winning a new gun?
Bonnie Leitch is all smiles after she won a Ruger LCP II in .22LR at the Sangamon County meeting. She's with GSL's El Presidente Dale Lock.



Good times in Rantoul.



Congresswoman Mary Miller dropped in at the Charleston GSL meeting after voting against gun control measures earlier in the day in Washington.



Old Col. French MacLean, USAR, brought history to life in Springfield talking about Tiger Tank crews in the early meeting and America's hangman of World War II in the second.



Stephen Stewart from CI Shooting Sports spoke to a standing-room only crowd in Peoria. He talked about the industry and challenges he's facing as a dealer.



Mark Briggs trains and teaches both fitness and firearms. He talked about the importance of dry firing at Charleston.



From left, Keith Pippin, Rusty Stephens our 50/50 winner and Justin Bawcum.



Joe Tharp shows a knife disarm to the audience at the Rantoul GSL meeting. His son Mitch is his training partner. Below are some of the blades Tharp brought.



GSL's Doug Grove, right, won a Bersa 9mm pistol - with three mags and a box of ammo at the Pontiac meeting.



What happens when you can't find ammunition to feed your gun?



State Rep. Chris Miller.



Scott brought some custom pro-2A stickers for members at the Decatur meeting.

AIM ^{FOR} FUN

FREE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
GSL's first annual "Aim 4 Fun" event
slated for Saturday, June 12th.

Guns Save Life proudly announces its first-ever "Aim 4 Fun" event on Saturday, June 12th. The event, scheduled for the DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club 6 miles east of Clinton on Rt. 10, will have something for everyone, including young people.

We will have live seminars, hands-on displays, a live-fire range where adults and young people can shoot for free, along with food, fellowship and of course, lots of fun.

The event will start at 9:00 a.m. 45-minute presentations will be made both indoors in the classroom and outdoors on the bleachers. Among the seminars already scheduled:

- **The Judicious Use of Deadly Force** by Attorney Steve Davis
- **Introduction to the "Stop the Bleed"** course by EMT Anthony Bellin
- **The Art of the Draw and Weapon Retention** by John Boch

- **LIVE FIRE** range (with free ammo!) by the GSL Defense Training crew

We will have food for the first 250 meals sold. Tickets are available in advance by mail now or at GSL meeting locations starting in April.



To get your meal tickets by mail, send \$10 for each and indicate if you want fish filet meal or cheeseburger meal. Add \$1 for an extra fish patty or \$3.50 to make your cheeseburger a double. Mail your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Guns Save Life
PO Box 8
Clinton, IL 61727.

Meeting Summaries

Sangamon County.

SCHEELS hosted not one, but two GSL services on March 1st. At our second meeting, **John Boch** delivered his **Executive Director's Report** in person, answering a couple of questions, including one about the **NRA's prospects for pulling off this bankruptcy petition** and talk of an internal forensic audit.



Anthony Bellin.

Also at the second service, EMT **Anthony Bellin** explained how he wanted to put together some GSL-branded trauma kits. Those with ideas on content and price should contact him. Anthony Bellin <adb3579@gmail.com>

Lynn Wills also spoke, promoting the "New Illinois" group which hopes to move forward on breaking off parts of the state outside of Chicago to form a new state. See more at newillinoisstate.org.

Kelvin Coburn served as our emcee and offered some words of encouragement. He praised GSL for its great members who lead extraordinary lives compared to those content to let the gov. take care of them.

KC also encouraged members to finish up their **Emergency Contacts lists** to help them in times of need. We're stronger with our friends than we are as individuals and likewise Guns Save Life is made strong by lots of great members doing great things.

History came to life as the incredible **Col. French MacLean, USAR**, served as our main speaker in both services. A former professor at the US Army War College, MacLean didn't get that job by mediocrity.

In his first presentation, he talked about the big **German-Soviet tank battle at Kursk, Russia** in July 1943. While it was not the largest tank battle in history, but it was, perhaps the most interesting.



Although the Germans were outnumbered in tank strength by several thousand, they fielded the legendary Tiger tank, with its vaunted 88mm gun. In this presentation, MacLean -- who has authored a recent book on the subject -- examined the crewmen of the 35 operational Tigers leading the German main attack in the south, concluding that the Tigers did so well in the battle because the 226 crewmen -- for which he presented several fascinating anecdotes --

had no concept of defeat.

For the second meeting, MacLean talked about **Master Sergeant John Woods** otherwise known as the "American Hangman" during and after World War II.

The story of how a high school dropout who deserted from the Navy a few years before went from a buck private to a master sergeant in a single day proved very entertaining thanks to French. The retired professor also brought little details like the rope that MSGT Wood used to stretch necks was not re-used, but the hoods? Now that was another story. "They could get three or four uses from each one, easy," a supply clerk at a stockade told Col. MacLean.

After the war in 1950, the hangman reportedly was accidentally electrocuted in an electric chair he was making. But Wood didn't know anything about electricity - the rope worked just fine for him. MacLean suspects some Germans also working on the island took care of John Woods and then made it look like an "accident."

"It's part of our history," he noted.

Dave Randolph also talked up the **June 12th GSL "Shoot 4 Fun" event** at the **DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club** near Clinton, IL.

We held drawings for 50/50 and for our monthly gun a **Ruger LCPII in .22** - a perfect caliber given the lack of ammo availability at the moment. **Bonnie Leitch** won the pistol. **Judy Shroeder** won the 50/50 in the evening and **Mike Felix** won the early split. Congrats to all.

Pontiac.

Pontiac has returned after the Pontiac VFW closed! The China flu no doubt proved the final straw in the closure of the **VFW** post where we have met for years. But now we landed in a new location: **The Pontiac Sportsman's Club**.

Nearly 60 people turned out for our inaugural meeting at the new location. **John Boch** called the meeting to order, in **Regional Director Chuck Kostelc's** absence. Following the Pledge, a recognition of veterans and welcoming of a number of newcomers we launched right into things.

Mr. Boch shared his **Executive Director's Report**. There's a lot happening now, but our biggest threat to gun rights will come not from Washington, but from Springfield. Unless Senate Dems in Washington get rid of the 60-vote filibuster.

Dave Randolph talked about his work with the **Central Illinois Precision Shooters range** in Bloomington. He's a shooting coach at the designated **U.S. Olympic Shooting** training facility, helping kids 7-14 learn how to shoot.

Randolph said he got his start in shooting as a high school kid because of a fellow in Decatur who opened up a facility to young people to learn how to shoot and actually hit the target. That time learning and practicing served him well when Uncle Sam sent him to Vietnam. Now, he feels like his volunteer coaching and instruction is his way of paying it back.

He also emphasized the importance of sharing the fun, excitement and empowerment of the shooting sports with young people.

Mr. Randolph also touted the **June 12th GSL "Shoot 4 Fun" event** at the **DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club** near Clinton, IL.

We had a slew of door prizes (thank you to the members who donated them) including not one, but two boxes of .308 Winchester rounds (worth about \$30 each).

Terry Riccolo won the 50/50 (hat's off to him) and **Doug Grove** won the **Bersa 9mm pistol** and a box of ammo.

Next month, join us to learn more about the **Appleseed program's new "Pistolseed"** training course with Terry Zeiters. Also we'll have some **red dot optics** on pistols. For our monthly drawing gun, we have a very nice **Remington RP9 9mm pistol**.



Also, next month we will have food! Yes, come hungry as our hosts at the **Pontiac Sportsman's Club** will be serving dinner.

In May, we'll have IFOR's Scotty Bryant. You won't want to miss that one!

Decatur.

Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph opened the March meeting at a crowded **Coz's Pizza** in Mt. Zion with the Pledge, a recognition of veterans and first responders and he welcomed first-time

attendees.

John Boch delivered his **Executive Director's Report** with the latest news and information along with analysis. John also took questions.

State Representative Dan Caulkins, one of the good guys in Springfield, gave a report from the Statehouse. He criticized Big Tech's censorship of conservative viewpoints and that's happening right here in Illinois too. He urged everyone to talk to those in our circle of friends and "don't be afraid to sing the praises of GSL" he said.

In happier news, he's proud to say that it only took him two years to get rid of **Michael Madigan** - who took his \$14 million campaign fund with him. "That's \$14M less the Dems have to spend in House races," he noted.

Caulkins expects some minor tweaking of the police reform bill that Pritzker signed into law. Why? Because the Dems are getting a lot of backlash and they seem worried. He also expects that redistricting will cause a lot of heartburn for many Chicagoland Dems as they're going to have to primary one-another in new districts given how people have moved out of Chicago into the suburbs and beyond. Or way beyond in the case of the 880,000 that have left Illinois altogether.

Next up, **Dan Cooley from The Bullet Trap** shared his observations from inside the firearm industry. Cooley said that wholesalers are increasingly bundling unpopular stuff with popular guns. This solves some of their problems but creates others

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Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?

Tickets are available!

You can't make it to a meeting, but you want a chance to win a gun for as little as \$4? Here's your chance!

Mail in a check to Guns Save Life, PO Box 8, Clinton, IL 61727. Indicate how many tickets you want for the gun you want (and city of drawing). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Or 25 (plus a bonus) for \$100.

You can spread them across meeting locations, across the calendar (buy so many tickets each month for however many months into the future) or a combination.

Make sure you send in your check at least a week before the meeting date to ensure that we've received your order and check. Once received, Joanne Chandler from the Decatur regional steering committee will electronically notify the Regional Directors of the mail-in tickets sold for their meetings so they can get them into the drawing. If you're late, we'll return your check.

**Attn: Drawings
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Clinton, IL 61727**

*New
address for
ticket sales!*

Opportunities galore to win!

Charleston April: Masterpiece Arms MPA Defender 9mm
Decatur April (2-year anniversary): Thompson/Center in .243 with 3x9 scope.

Rantoul April: Taurus PT24/7 PRO Compact 9mm. Gently used in box.
Pontiac April: Remington RP9 9mm with two 18-round magazines.
Sangamon Co April: S&W M&P .45 with four magazines (gently used).

Peoria April: Taurus Model 856 6-shot snub-nosed .38 Special. Stainless.

Sangamon County May: SAR 9mm

For any meetings cancelled because of COVID restrictions, we will simply push back the drawing guns by a month...

Executive Director's Report

Be proactive now or be without later

TROUBLE BREWING

by John Boch

GSL Executive Director

Good news first! The US Postal Service finally delivered our January issue of *GunNews*, mailed December 16th. After we raised a stink, demanded a refund of our postage fees and involved a Congressman (thank you *Darin LaHood*), we finally got results.

They delivered our time-sensitive journal not even in time for Valentine's Day, but it did arrive. We don't know whether to laugh or cry but we do know the front page story "Got Ammo?" aged very well.



On another topic, in e-mails with my favorite lieutenant at the Illinois State Police, he steered me towards a new Illinois State Police website page that has both current and historical stats on the Land of Lincoln's firearm licensing schemes. Type it in and bookmark it for the latest info without filing a Freedom of Information Act request.

isp.illinois.gov/Foid/Statistics

The ISP looks as though their new staff are helping them to keep up, and even gain a little ground on the backlog of FOID and CCL applications.

As an aside, I know it's taking at least 4-6 months for new FOID applications for most folks. Yes, if you're like me, you know scared people who went on a road trip in 2020 to buy a shotgun or an AR in a neighboring state while ISP took their sweet time processing their FOID applications. Then, when their FOID eventually arrived, they're "officially" legal. In the meantime, they had more than a stern word and a sharp stick protecting their home from the bad guys released thanks to affordable bail.

Frankly, I don't blame those folks.

In other good news, by Independence Day we should be over 400,000 active carry licenses. Frankly, we would be there today if ISP processed applications even half as efficiently as Florida does them. But JB Pritzker has never rolled out of bed and said to himself, "you know, I think we should give better service to our gun owners!"

At the same time, no matter how law-abiding Illinois gun owners behave compared to the general population, we still get blamed for all the crime in Chicago.

Cops don't blame us though. In my experience, cops seem very at ease with CCW holders. I've even ridden in the back of a squad car while carrying mine. (No, I wasn't wearing cuffs! LOL!)

I've had plenty of police interactions and never been disarmed or even asked to show my license. In fact, I get *far* more "papers please" demands in gun shops than with on-duty cops. The irony.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

On the whole, we have more to worry about on gun control measures in Illinois than in Washington D.C. The fate of our gun rights in Illinois rests on about a half-dozen squishy Democrat Senators.

Federal

Joey Biden, between naps and changes of his Depends adult diapers, has punted action on gun control to Congress. This way, he gets to deflect blame for inaction upon Congress, ignoring his endless past promises to act unilaterally "on day one" with executive orders.

He knows that if existing agreements hold, Democrats don't have the 60 votes needed to pass gun control measures through the Senate. However, Dems do have the votes in the House. Look for the House to pass additional gun control beyond the ban on private gun sales in the coming days as part of political theater. However, unless the Senate changes the rules to allow a simple majority, it will go nowhere.

Illinois...

Meanwhile, in Illinois, gun bills are piling up faster than the bodies in Chicago.

Already, there's been a lot of talk about the ammunition tax bill (HB0238) and now a black rifle and magazine tax bill (SB2300). Both seem to have some horsepower behind them.

Folks, what really bothers me is that the gun grabbers usually aim for the bleachers and grossly over-reach in their bills. These bills, to the contrary, don't. In fact, they no doubt seem modest to those agnostic on guns. "1% tax on ammo? 10% tax on black rifles and magazines? Eh, no big deal," fence-sitting legislators might think.

We'll fight the bills, of course. But frankly, if that's the worst loss we suffer in the next 20 months, I'll consider our work a big success. We have a real potential of losing semi-auto rifles and mags over 10 rounds in the next few months.

If these tax bills do pass, I predict a lot of people like me will be adding gun shops to liquor stores, tobacco shops and gas stations before any return trip to the People's Republic. Furthermore, Guns Save Life's lawsuit challenging the Cook County gun & ammo tax will turn out to be quite timely and relevant to gun owners across Illinois.

For the here and now, stock up on ammo if you can find it at sane prices. Buy plenty of spare magazines for your mag fed guns. As soon as the US House votes to ban sales of standard cap magazines, store stocks will be sold within days. And speaking of guns, if you need one or think you might need one in the next twenty years, now's the time to buy it. Assuming you can find it in stores.

Be proactive now or be without later. You've been warned (repeatedly).

May God bless America. We need it right now.



Keith Pippin, left, will take the reigns in Charleston as the Regional Co-Director. He's pictured with the Decatur's Dave Randolph at the Charleston meeting in January.

Bill Harrison retires from GSL

Keith Pippin takes reigns in Charleston

Charleston, IL (GSL) - Guns Save Life has many truly amazing, selfless members.

Long-time Charleston Regional Co-Director Bill Harrison and his co-director Justin Bawcum brought GSL meetings to Charleston and turned it into one of our most successful regions thanks to their work and a lot of great people supporting them.

No doubt they and their steering committee have done a lot of hard work behind the scenes to make the meetings run so smoothly for those who just come for the food, fellowship and firearms events alone.

Bill recently decided to resign his position as Charleston Co-Director and his position as a director on GSL's board. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

One of the Charleston region steering committee stepped up and agreed to take the reigns. Keith Pippin will act as the emcee for the meetings. Working along side of Justin Bawcum and other members of the Charleston region steering committee team, they will keep things going steady with great meetings and great presentations for our friends and GSL family.

The Post Office finds our December mailing of *GunNews*!

A Christmas miracle delivered after Valentine's Day

(GSL) - Praise the Lord and pass the *GunNews*! It seems the United States Postal Service found our pallet of *GunNews* and then delivered them just after Valentine's Day, approximately 61 days after P&P Press in Peoria delivered them to the Peoria Post Office.



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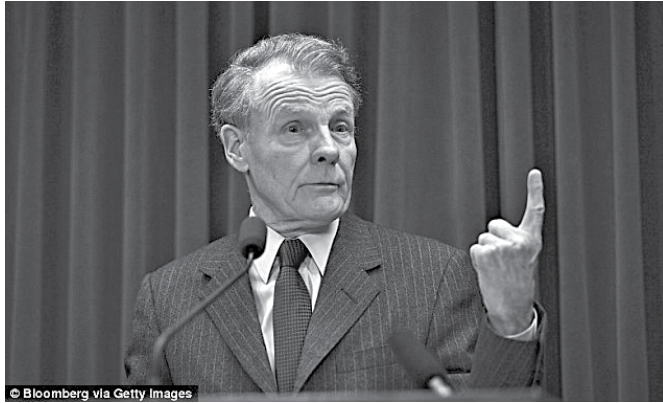
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Oh, how the mighty have fallen!

** Stench of corruption surrounds Madigan as feds investigate*

** Madigan lost the House Speaker role in January after 35 years*

** Resigns his seat and as the head of the Democrat party of Illinois*

** 26-year-old hand-picked replacement resigns in cloud of corruption*

MADIGAN IS GONE!

Springfield, IL (GSL) - One by one, political kingmaker Michael Madigan has surrendered his powerful political posts which effectively made him the state's leader for the last two decades, if not longer.

What caused this sudden change for a man who has served in the Illinois House for fifty years and was America's longest-serving state-level House Speaker? Could it be the federal corruption investigations?

Madigan, D-Chicago, resigned his House seat on Thursday, February 18th. He'd served in the Illinois House for fifty years - since 1971. What's more, he has been speaker of the House for all but two years since 1983 until he lost that post in January.

In those years of Madigan's rule of Illinois, the state's credit rating sank to near junk status. In the last ten years, nearly a million residents left the state because of poor government, including increasing taxes and state government regulations. Furthermore, Mr. Madigan never met a gun control measure he didn't like and only grudgingly allowed concealed carry to pass in the last minutes of the last day of session before a federal court deadline for action.

His 26-year-old hand-picked replacement worked for another Democrat machine politician. The replacement then resigned three days later after his own (alleged) corruption issues came to light. Madigan then picked a second person to the post, a female.

Madigan no doubt thought he caught a break when it looked like President Asterisk was going to fire the US District Attorney for Northern Illinois. However, even Democrats view Madigan as toxic and they lobbied to retain Trump-appointed US Attorney John Lausch to finish his work on political corruption in Illinois.

It probably won't surprise you to learn that the Northern Illinois District (home of Chicago) is the most corrupt district in the nation by a comfortable margin with 1770 public corruption convictions since just 1976. Yes, Chicagoland beat out Los Angeles, New York, New Jersey and even Baltimore and New Orleans.

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Chicagoland (south/Lockport): Email Nick Klementzos at Klementzos@aol.com.

Pontiac/Dwight region: Rick's Automotive on old Rte. 66 in Dwight.

Help your fellow Americans become more informed and better citizens!



Pritzker signs flawed criminal justice reform bill

(PoliceMag) - Illinois Governor JB Pritzker signed a sweeping police reform bill into law Monday that will end cash bail, allow anonymous complaints against officers, prohibits chokeholds, and require all police to have body cameras by 2025.

House Bill 3653 known as the Police and Criminal Justice Reform Bill has been characterized by some critics as the "anti-police bill."

One of the key components of the bill is the elimination of cash bail by 2023.

Critics say the way the bill is written could put dangerous criminals back on the street by limiting judges' discretion on detaining them.

Supporters say getting rid of cash bail doesn't mean

everyone goes free while awaiting trial. Judges make that call based on the threat a defendant poses.

Some Illinois police chiefs say punitive language in the bill makes it difficult for officers to do their jobs, ABC7 reports.

While the bill requires body cameras, it does not allow officers to review their own footage before writing a report, which critics say puts them in an impossible position.

"Now the officer is guilty of misconduct because he left out information that was on the body camera, but it wasn't in the report. According to this bill, he is guilty of a Class 3 felony," said Indian Head Park Police Chief Steven Stelter.

"It's unfortunate," said Oak Brook Police Chief James Kruger. "All we needed to do was have the opportunity to explain why something may or may not work, without affecting the spirit of what they were trying to accomplish. Kruger said Illinois chiefs support reform, but were not included in crafting the bill.

One provision in the law prevents officers from tasing someone in the back, but police said they are trained to use the back because it is the safest part of the body. "Now you are forcing an officer to only tase someone in the front of their body and who knows, in the heat of the moment they may tase somebody in places they are not supposed to; in the groin, head, neck," Stelter said.

How's that workin' out for ya, FOP? Will the FOP endorse Pritzker again?

FLASHBACK: FOP endorses Pritzker for governor

From June 29, 2018

(CI Proud) - The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge (FOP) endorsed Democratic candidate J.B. Pritzker for governor Friday.

Illinois FOP State Lodge President Chris Southwood

said "Illinois needs a fresh start and J.B. is the man to do it."

"Law enforcement officers, like all other working men and women in Illinois, want a leader who won't bankrupt the state by trying to dictate

his own personal agenda at all costs. The 34,000 members of the Illinois FOP have confidence that J.B. Pritzker is the best candidate to shake up Springfield and return civility decency and a true sense of public service to Illinois."



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Remember those days? Image from September 03, 2019 in Pontiac at Walmart.

Prices up, supplies limited

INDUSTRY UPDATE!

(GSL) - At GSL, we hear a wide range of perspectives from gun industry insiders. Some have shared some of their observations in the past few weeks with our members at meetings and to *GunNews*.

You already knew ammo was scarce, but you may not have known about the price hikes and how those who have ammo secured it.

AMMO

Welcome to the biggest shortage of consumer ammunition availability since World War II. You thought ammo supplies seemed scarce in early 2013 and again in 2020? Welcome to 2021, the year of the empty ammo shelves - for most.

Gun food in stores remains somewhere between scarce and non-existent. A few shops have some ammo, but you as the customer will pay dearly for it.

Meanwhile, some shops do have

ammo. Those gun shops who formed purchase agreements directly with factories receive their product by the pallet. Other large, cash-flush gun shops teamed to buy imported ammo by the shipping container as part of group buys.

Yes, they earmark much of that ammo for range and class use, but some is available to the public, usually with purchase limits.



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On the other hand, dealers who always relied on distributors must get by on the dribs and drabs - a case here and a case there.

Some shops that have maintained their pre-"market rush" profit margins are rationing product to customers to keep supplies from selling out in minutes. Other shops have hiked prices dramatically to counter hoarding.

At the same time, manufacturers have reportedly put not one, but at least three separate 15% price hikes on their products over the past six months or so. That's roughly a 52% increase in the wholesale cost of ammo.



9mm

As an example, 9mm is the most popular caliber of handgun ammo. The days of \$10 or \$12 boxes of 9mm practice ammo are long past. Anything under \$20 per box of 50 rounds is a *bargain* today.

A few shops have 9mm without purchase limits for \$1+ per round. Online, for in-stock product, prices *start* at about a dollar a round *before* shipping costs and sales tax.

Yes a George Washington per cartridge. Or a Loonie if you're from north of the border. Meanwhile, self-defense rounds are selling for about \$2. Each.

Rest assured manufacturers continue pumping product out as fast as they can, but the demand outstrips production by a wide margin.

It's almost like gun owners have become piranhas. Here's something our friends at Fenix Ammo in Michigan published online at the end of February. This company achieved some national notoriety recently by refusing to sell to Joe Biden voters.

Here's their post:

On February 25th, we listed 300,000 total rounds at 10AM EST, just as we said we would. 100,000 9mm 115gr were sold in under 60 seconds; 100,000 9mm 147gr were sold in under 110 seconds; 100,000 9mm 124gr were sold in 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

Our last inventory update on February 11th took approximately five minutes to sell the same quantity of ammunition. So far in 2021[1] we have posted four separate inventory updates totalling 1.2 million rounds which have lasted a combined total of 20 minutes. We do not expect things to change in the near future.

That ammo wasn't cheap, either. Fenix charged \$31-34 per box of 50 rounds of that aforementioned product. And they had hundreds of buyers. One guy didn't say, "I'll take all 100 cases of that."



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Meanwhile, practice rounds of another popular caliber, .223/5.56 ammo are selling for \$1 to \$1.50 per round where available.

If you luck out and see some for 50- or 60-cents per round, you really ought to buy all the store will let you have.

Got an ammo fort?

Do you have an ammo fort in your basement? Are you considering selling some "bullets" to pay for your kid's college tuition?

Think long and hard. It may be a long time before you can buy a case of ammo again. Or even a few boxes in a single trip.

Ammo inventories won't return any time soon and when they do, you will yearn for the prices you paid even two years ago for the stuff.

GUNS

At last, firearms have begun to arrive at dealers. But in many cases, there's catch.

Distributors, seeking to unload slow-moving "merch" from their warehouses are bundling the hottest-selling, most desirable firearms with "less desirable" product in package deals. While his helps distributors, it burdens local shops with stuff local gun stores don't really want or need.

Not only that, but the wholesale firearm prices continue to climb. For instance, those \$500 guns just before COVID hit are now \$600-700 guns *if* you can find them. Remember that popular SIG P365 you saw for \$499 in early 2020? It's selling for closer to \$599-\$649 today. Or more.

MAGAZINES

Thankfully, one bright spot at the moment involves magazines. Most forward-looking shops have stocked up on magazines. For now at least, they remain plentiful. Unlike ammo and guns, prices have not (yet) spiked, but that will change soon.

The US House will take up gun control legislation soon, and will likely pass a ban on production of standard capacity magazines and probably some semi-auto firearms. That will kick off yet another buying frenzy - and create magazine inventory scarcity.

Given the Democrats and the Biden regime's eagerness to embrace gun control measures, extreme volatility, scarcity and higher prices will remain the norm for quite some time to come.

A year from now, a dollar a round might be the new normal.



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In the Land of the Blind, the one-eyed man is King
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member



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Let your adversary be the blind man.

Do not go gentle into that good night (Part 2)

Last issue we started discussing night vision. We'll continue that now, as there are a lot of threats you may run into that require even more sophisticated equipment than just a night vision (IR). Or as Bela Lugosi remarked as Count Dracula: "Listen to them, the children of the night. What music they make!"

Today it's all about detecting HEAT through Thermal Imaging. All objects absorb, reflect, and sometimes transmit energy at different levels. Different materials give off heat or cold energy at different rates. Thermal imaging devices detect small differences in heat; they do not require visible light to produce an image, so can be used day and night (unless the manufacturer says not to in daylight.) Mammals generate heat; birds and reptiles absorb heat, so all are often warmer than their surroundings, and can be detected at greater distances with thermal imaging than with basic night vision. Cars, trucks, and boats generate heat. With thermals, you see engines and exhaust pipes brightest, because they are the hottest; if a car has been outside on a sunny day, the hood and roof will stick out. Tires and brakes are often warm from friction.

Thermal devices often have a switch that in one position the warm/hot image is bright white, and the surrounding is dark, or the picture is reversed, and the warm/hot image is black. You may have a third option of color where objects are in red, orange, and purple tones. Different targets show up best in certain options for me, so try and get one with all three, because we all see differently.

The more you play with thermal sights, the better you'll understand what you are seeing (i.e., a mammal's chest has more heat than its ears or tail.) Thermal sights often have zoom magnification, but sometimes at higher magnification the image blurs a bit; you'll figure out the right power by using it.

Sixty years ago, U.S. Army scientist John Johnson developed a system to evaluate thermal sight capabilities by three measurements:

Detection: detecting whether an object is present. Usually expressed in yards or meters (for our purposes meters and yards are about the same.) "Something is there, and it bears watching" is my equivalent. The better the device, the further this is and can approach 3,000 yards.

Recognition: recognizing which class an object belongs to, such as a house, boat, truck, animal, or man. This will be less than detection range. In a 3,000 yard detection range device, recognition range may be 1,300 yards.



Identification: identifying descriptive details of the object, whether a vehicle is a car, Jeep, pickup or minivan. With practice, for a human, you can often determine number of men, if they appear in uniform, and if they appear to be holding rifles. In our 3,000 yard detection range example, identification range may be 700 yards.

For some excellent info on thermals, go to atncorp.com.



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Now it's time to answer your first question: what do you want this thermal device to do? Hunting feral hogs or vermin

on a farm? Detecting would-be criminals? Detecting heat leaks in buildings?

Power line maintenance technicians locate overheating joints, and sometimes faulty electrical wiring. Firefighters use thermals to see through smoke, find people and localize fire hotspots. They are also common tools used by many home inspectors; even home-buyers are realizing that thermals can save them thousands later.

Will you be stationary in your activity or moving? A thermal sight can get bulky; if you are stationary, that is less of an issue. What is your climate? Rain and heavy fog can severely limit the range of thermal imaging because light scatters off of droplets of water.

Since we are often looking at \$1,500-\$4,500 for a thermal device (sometimes more), we need an acquisition strategy. If you need more than a night sight (IR), delaying thermal a little bit may allow you to buy a better capability later. And consider buying both night vision (IR), and thermal from the same manufacturer, so accessories will almost always fit both. For a thermal sight there is one more consideration. Find a legitimate business use for the thermal. Then toward the end of the year determine if the tax break of the thermal is more advantageous this year or whether you should buy it early next year.

Either way, remember *In regione caecorum rex est luscus*. With a thermal sight, you will be able to see an enemy at night much, much better than he will be able to see you, if he can see you at all.

Let him be the blind man.



Be the victor, not a victim

Install "night sights" on your defensive firearms!

by John Boch

Most defensive gun uses happen in low-light or no-light conditions - because bad guys prefer to ply their trade in darkness.

Each of your defensive handguns should have night sights installed. These use tritium inserts which, in low-light, allow for accurate shooting. They don't come cheap - about \$100 for handguns. However, their value rates as priceless in terms of hitting the target in low light.

Don't forget your defensive long guns. Rifles and shotguns should also be equipped with either quality holographic red-dot optics or tritium sight inserts. Or both if you wish to cover all your bases.

I've taught shooting for a lot of years and seen plenty of otherwise skilled people struggle to hit a man-sized target in darkness without the benefit of night sights or red-dot optics. Meanwhile those with these devices do quite well. So spend a few bucks and get these installed on your guns. Be the victor, not a victim.



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“Higher” Education notable news



UI bureaucrats censor ‘wrongthink’ University of Illinois settles free speech case as court date approached

(The College Fix) - About a year and a half after students sued the University of Illinois for policies that allegedly infringe on their First and Fourteenth Amendment rights, the parties have settled the case.

The timing is telling, since UI convinced trial and appeals courts to not issue preliminary injunctions against the policies at issue.

Nonprofit membership association Speech First, representing the anonymous students, was approaching a Feb. 1 deadline to file a petition for Supreme Court review. The settlement was signed three days before the petition was due, and filed with the trial court Tuesday night.

The taxpayer-funded institution only made one legally binding promise – to not reinstate a provision it removed soon after the suit was filed. That provision required prior approval for students to post and distribute “promotional materials of candidates for non-campus elections.”



Professor Dr. Lora Burnett
“I’m a Ph.D.”

Prof called for peers to be fired for their speech gets fired for her own speech

Collin College in Texas (The College Fix) - Lora Burnett has a history of calling for faculty to be punished for their speech and associations.

Economic and political historian Phil Magness emphasized this when I wrote about scrutiny the Collin College history professor was facing for her crude tweets about Vice President Mike Pence.

The Collin administration has now confirmed it won’t renew the untenured scholar’s contract, which ends in May, for not conducting herself “in a professional manner.”

A simple mind is a terrible thing to waste U. of Minn. student ‘leaders’ want to disarm campus cops

(The College Fix) - A report from the University of Minnesota concluded that the public university should create “a formal review of options to demilitarize UMPD and eliminate the presence and use of military grade weapons, vehicles, and other resources.”

It has further bolstered student demands to remove lethal weapons from the hands of campus police.

The report, prepared by outside consultant Cedric Alexander, also recommended creating a “committee to address historical trauma,” “reimag[ining] policing” on and off-campus, and reviewing University of Minnesota Police Department “stops, arrests, and complaints.”



Young people think they know it all...

Georgetown student ‘leaders’ want to abolish campus police department

(The College Fix) - The Georgetown University Student Association announced a new “working group” for an initiative to abolish the Georgetown University Police Department.

China flu claims GSL’s Vern Cisney

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of GSL’s Vern Cisney.

Like so many of GSL’s members, was a great man and an American patriot. Born on the Fourth of July, he loved freedom. And he certainly found a home within Guns Save Life celebrating his love of freedom and spreading the faith.

He also worked selflessly and tirelessly both within his church celebrating his love of Jesus and spreading that gospel as well.

Vern always looked out for others. He was just a genuine nice guy. At the same time he was protective of his family and friends.

The China flu claimed his life at the age of 67 when he should have had many, many more years to enjoy his retirement, his grandchildren and life.



Vern Cisney.

Here’s the obituary...

Vernon L. Cisney, 67, of Jewett, IL passed away at 8:10 PM, Thursday,

January 21, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital on Urbana, IL.

Vernon was born July 4, 1953 the son of Gilbert and Minerva (Henderson) Cisney. He married Kathy Gross on September 2, 1978... He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Mary Jane Lewis.

Vernon was member of the Faith Fellowship Church in Hidalgo, the NRA, and GSL (Guns Save Life). He worked at Donnelly’s for 35 years then Evapco for 12 years before retiring.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Fellowship Church or the Baptist Church Camp (P.O. Box #5, Sullivan, IN 47882).

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Remember the last time Hollywood produced a pro-gun rights movie? We can't either... Hollywood is not our friend!

RUT ROW: Hollywood sold its soul to China... and now China doesn't need their films...

(Hollywood in Toto) - For years whenever China told Hollywood to jump, the industry had but one answer ... how high?

Studios drooled over China's vast theatrical marketplace, with millions of movie goers eager to watch American popcorn franchises like "Fast & Furious." And they did just that while filmmakers followed the country's strict rules at every step.

- Adding Chinese characters to existing stories
- Shooting product placement scenes for Chinese theatrical editions
- Avoiding stories that depict China in a negative light
- Allowing films to be sliced and diced to appease Chinese censors

What did Hollywood get in return? Billions in extra revenue, that's what. Plus, films that flopped stateside, like the "Tomb Raider" reboot, made enough coin in China to stave off financial doom...

Meanwhile, the Hollywood elite ignored China's human rights violations at every turn. Celebrities railed against Georgia's strict abortion legislation but looked the other way as China operated concentration camps for minority Muslims...

Now, China may no longer need U.S. movies to entertain its populace. The L.A. Times reports Chinese-made films dominated the country's 2020 box office charts. The highest ranking U.S. film, "Tenet," came in at number 11...

The top grossing film in China last year, "The Eight Hundred," delivers the kind of razzle dazzle U.S.-based films once exclusively offered. Not anymore.

That's not all.

Chinese consumers are relishing locally-produced content in the wake of the pandemic, the L.A. Times notes, stories with robust production values like their American counterparts. The government, eager to embrace film's cultural soft power, is promoting patriotic fare for audiences to lap up...

Meanwhile, the Hollywood elite savaged President Donald Trump's pandemic response while praising the work of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, whose disastrous policies likely led to thousands of unnecessary deaths. What's certain now is how his administration played fast and loose with the COVID-19 death counts.

Once again, Hollywood used its moral capital ... poorly.

Add it all up, and it looks like China won't be saving as many U.S. blockbusters as it had in the past. An already reeling Hollywood will have to find new ways to balance its ledgers as the theater industry tries to come back from the crippling pandemic.

It's the latest body blow to an industry which sold its soul, and moral standing, for cash.

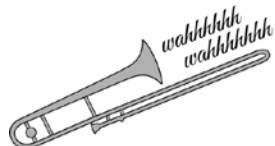


"Hollywood used its moral capital ... poorly."

Two weeks after employees filed for union certification the sad trombone sounds...

HuffPost Québec and HuffPost Canada abruptly closed

(Montreal Gazette) - News websites HuffPost Québec and HuffPost Canada abruptly announced they were shutting down on Tuesday, three weeks after HuffPost was acquired by competitor BuzzFeed.



Dems: Advertising hunting ammo and accessories jeopardizes public safety Congressional Dems encourage Big Tech censorship

Washington DC (Bearing Arms) - Democrats on Capitol Hill took another swipe at Facebook on Monday, accusing the tech giant of a lack of transparency regarding ad placements in an open letter authored by members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. In particular, the Democrats on the committee have a problem with ads for firearm accessories that they say were popping up in close proximity to content that "amplified election misinformation" and near news stories about the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th.

Specifically, Democrats are upset that

Buzzfeed reported some users were seeing ads for "long range hunting ammunition" while Facebook had said it was temporarily banning ads that "promote weapons accessories and protective equipment in the US." Committee chairman Frank Pallone and other Democrats on the committee write that the company "must immediately examine its advertising practices and make substantive changes to its policies to avoid future instances of ad placements and targeting that promote violence," adding that they "strongly believe Facebook has a moral obligation to take action regarding ads that stoke aggression."



Learn to code, kids... Maybe you shouldn't have alienated two-thirds of the nation!

Huffington Post lays off third of its staff

(ZeroHedge) - Just months after it was acquired by BuzzFeed in a fire sale, the Huffington Post - the once-pioneering Internet media property - has elicited an outpouring of criticism from the blue-check crowd after abruptly firing nearly 50 reporters, roughly one-third of the site's staff.

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Sometimes second place is better... sort of

America's Second-Worst Mayor

(100% Fed Up) - Upon being elected, the left and their media couldn't contain their glee over Lightfoot's election. Lori Lightfoot is the first black, openly gay woman to be mayor of Chicago, which means she lands in virtually every identity politics category they have. What could go wrong? It never dawned on the left, apparently, that one's skin color, genitalia, and bedroom activities have nothing to do with one's effectiveness. Black, openly gay women can be just as lousy at governance as white, bible-thumping men. Uselessness is non-discriminatory; anyone can be infected with it.



Mayor Lightfoot.

After Chicago was pummeled with riots after the death of George Floyd, and after it was clear that Democrat Mayor Lori Lightfoot had screwed-the-pooch

with her handling of the violence, the mayor explained, "No mayor expected what we all got," and how she "hoped" the riots wouldn't happen again.

Hope is for church, and it's your job to expect the unexpected, Mayor Lightfoot. That's why you were elected. During the COVID lockdown in

the city, while the rest of Chicagoans were huddled in their living rooms driving each other crazy, Lightfoot was caught going to a beauty salon for a haircut (please feel free to insert your own witty comment here about the results of that haircut). Was Lightfoot apologetic? Umm, no. The mayor justified her double-standard by explaining, "I'm in the public eye every day." It's OK for the mayor to violate her own orders, but not you peons. We can also consider the way in which the teachers' union walked all over Lightfoot in validating her position on this list. But nothing is more indicative of Lightfoot's disastrous performance than the violent crime rate that is plaguing her city. Murders in Chicago jumped 55% last year compared to 2019, and that is a heart-breaking statistic.



We bet he also supports banning guns to stop crime too!

Chicago faces 135% increase in carjackings... So legislator seeks "Grand Theft Auto" game ban

by Jonathan Turley, esq.

(ZeroHedge) - My home city of Chicago continues to reel from soaring crime rates. Among the categories of increasing crime is a 135% spike in carjackings. One would think that the legislators would be focused on better policing and other programs. Rep. Marcus Evans Jr. (D, Chicago) however wants to ban video games like "Grand Theft Auto" which depict "motor vehicle theft with a driver or passenger present." While it would not likely make a dent in carjackings, it would curtail free speech and individual choice...



What such bills accomplish is not crime reduction but political protection. It gives the appearance of action from legislators who do not want to take more decisive or direct action. It is easier to blame a video game than state or city enforcement policies.

More than 18 entire states for the entire year of 2019

2021 Homicides: 113 so far

Chicago (GSL) - And we're off on the 2021 race for homicides. Already in Chicago, as of March 9th, HeyJackass.com reports Chicago has stacked up 113 not-so-alive victims. How bad is that? That's more than 16 entire states notched for the entire year of 2019 (2020 numbers unavailable).

Happy ending!



Valentine's Day miracle in Chicago...

Chicago Police deliver baby (CNN) - It was a Valentine's Day miracle.

An officer who stopped to help who he thought was a stranded motorist near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport Sunday morning quickly discovered the vehicle's passenger was actually in labor, the Chicago Police Department said in a statement.

The officer immediately called the Chicago Fire Department for assistance. But the woman could not wait for an ambulance as the baby was already crowning, police said.

"The officer was at the right place at the right time and was able to deliver a healthy baby boy," police said.

The mother and her baby were transported to a nearby hospital and are both "doing great," the statement added.

You're on your own...

Convicted murderer accused of double murder while out on 'affordable bail' arrested

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Chicago police on Tuesday arrested Clarence Hebron, a convicted murderer who has been wanted in connection with a double-slaying in suburban Riverdale in November. Hebron was out of jail on "affordable bail" for reckless homicide and two separate counts of armed habitual criminal when police said he killed his 26-year-old girlfriend, Jessica Beal, and her 27-year-old brother, Damien, on November 27.

When officers pulled Hebron over for a traffic violation Tuesday, the 33-year-old allegedly bolted from the car. Cops ran after Hebron and took him into custody when he circled back to the vehicle he bailed out of, according to Assistant State's Attorney Franka D'Antignac.

Cops found a gun with an extended ammunition magazine strapped to Hebron's chest when they arrested him, she said.

His defense attorney said Hebron works full time for a community organization called "Public Safety."

Teen accused of shooting during carjacking while out on 'bail' for 3 felonies

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A 17-year-old [Travon Duffie] charged with shooting a man during a carjacking attempt in Logan Square on Wednesday is the seventh person accused of killing or shooting someone in Chicago this year while awaiting trial on other serious felonies.

On bail for attempted murder & robbery, suspect kills pedestrian fleeing from cops

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A Chicago man who struck and killed a pedestrian while speeding away from a police traffic stop this week was on bail for attempted murder and robbery at the time of the crash, prosecutors said Thursday.

Isaac Wade, 20, is the sixth person accused of killing or shooting someone in Chicago this year while on bail for other serious felonies.

If an alderman isn't safe in a "nice" part of town, how safe is it for the little people?

Alderman jumped, beaten outside River North bar

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Chicago Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd) was jumped, punched, and kicked by two men outside a River North bar in his downtown ward last week, the Chicago Tribune reports.



Brendan Reilly

Reilly told the paper he was waiting for friends outside Boss Bar, 420 North Clark, when two complete strangers began the attack around 10:30 p.m. Thursday, February 18...

Neither Reilly nor the bar called police — which may be a bit of a problem for the establishment. City ordinance requires liquor licensees to report any illegal activity their employees see inside or outside the business.



Gun control has a long history rooted in racism

'To be disarmed is to be powerless, and that's a dangerous position to be in'

by Shermichael Singleton

(Twitter) - "Black Code" laws restricted freedmen from owning guns or weapons, and often the homes of Black people were raided where their firearms were confiscated.

Guns laws always disproportionately impact Black people, and when we're told new gun laws are to stop violence, don't believe it.

If we want to stop violence in our cities, we must build up the Black family and the value it adds to building a stronger community. We must also become insular in our outlook and how we navigate the political space.

There is a need for better jobs, transportation, education, and resources that we must demand the resources to obtain those things for our communities. Don't trust I will come; we have to demand it.

Violence isn't rooted in the existence of the gun; it's rooted in other systemic issues that go mostly ignored, hence why we must deal with our problems as a community to the best of our ability.

With all of that said, remember this: To be disarmed is to be powerless, and that's a dangerous position to be in.

Books I recommend on the history of Black Americans and firearms are "Negroes and the Gun: The Black Tradition of Arms" and "This Nonviolent Stuff'll Get You Killed: How Guns Made The Civil Rights Movement Possible."

GSL scores again at Chicago Gun 'Buyback'

Chicago (GSL) - In 2013, Guns Save Life scored international publicity for turning in scores of guns and collecting over \$6000 to spend on youth shooting - including the nation's longest-running NRA Youth Shooting Camp. It also proved quite a black eye on the City of Chicago's program.

members support when they entrust us with their firearm garbage for us to recycle it into youth shooting grants.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Police were once again supremely professional. Indeed, everything went smoothly.



Chicago PD image via Facebook.

Ironically, the Chicago Police accepted all our guns except for the genuine "ghost gun." It was an 80% lower receiver for an AR-15 that "someone" tried to mill into a working receiver. Granted it looked terrible. It was an early specimen that unnamed persons might have used JB Weld to attempt to fix a screw up.

On February 27th of this year, we scored yet again, trading rusted, broken down junk for perfectly good cash courtesy of the dogooders in Chicago.

This time we left with \$1000 in pre-paid "gift cards" which covert to cash quite nicely with our credit card payment processor.

We'll earmark the monies for youth shooting programs. It's a great cause our

CPD did, however, accept two or three guns held together by electrical tape, a couple of guns missing major internal parts and a couple more with actions rusted shut. Sure, a couple of the guns fired, if in the case of the revolver a wobbly, loose-fitting barrel doesn't intimidate you.

The only bad news is that we're out of guns. For now at least. Until our members clean out their barns, cellars and attics again.

NEXT MONTH IN GUNNEWS:

- **THE DIGITAL GULAG:** Why Biden's Team Tyranny may not need door kickers to enforce the coming gun bans.
- **Communists' war on Christians** right here in North America in the 20th Century: First disarm them then execute them as subversives.

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Preparedness

Texas storm offers lessons for those willing to learn

(GSL) - Texans just experienced a once-in-a-decade winter storm that knocked power offline for millions. Then the water system failed. Some lucky folks had tapwater but had to boil it. A million or more did without any water.



In no time, long lines formed in the bitter cold (for Texans) outside grocery stores. That only lasted about a day or so until people stripped the shelves bare.

Similar lines formed at gas stations that had auxiliary power, until their tanks ran

dry. Like the grocery stores, resupply semis couldn't complete their duties for a host of reasons including the nation's largest refinery knocked offline by the cold.



Desperate people do desperate things.

"Yeah, but that's Texas," you say. Indeed. The same storm that crippled Texas strained the grid in Illinois, too. Fortunately we didn't suffer outages, but if the storm had been only a little worse, or a couple of major failures occurred, that could have changed in a heartbeat. And severe winter storms aren't the only threat faced by Land of Lincoln residents.

Unlike most Texans who were back up and running after a week or so, Illinoisans won't have that luxury if the New Madrid fault line kicks off. Land of Lincoln residents, especially those in the southern half or two-thirds of the state might face a loss of utilities, groceries, fuels and more for a couple of weeks or longer.



Few of us are ready for a collapse of public utilities, along with empty shelves at grocery and department stores for more than a few days. Lord knows our teenagers would stroke out without the Internet and cell phones for a day, much less a week or two. Cigarette smokers will become very irritable. Alcoholics will freak out, but there's always mouthwash.

Then there's all the folks who will go cold

turkey after they take their last anti-depressant or anti-psychotic meds.

Meanwhile, running out of birth control is not that big of a deal - especially for the married couples. Running out of insulin, or heart meds is quite another story.



Texans try to stay warm without catching themselves on fire. Do you want this for your family?

There's always another disaster or emergency in our future. You cannot depend on others to take care of your family unless you like living as a refugee.



EMERGENCY PREPS: So, how much fuel can I store at my residence?

(GSL) - So, you want to store some gasoline, kerosene and/or propane gas cylinders for emergencies. Good. Local building codes and NFPA rules limit the quantities and locations you can store fuels.

While you can ignore these guidelines your homeowners insurance might not cover any losses relating to code violations.

So, here's the basics. But first, two universals:

Empty containers shall be counted as full when calculating storage capacity and all containers shall all be of an approved type. (*HINT: Don't use milk jugs!*) Fuel in tanks of vehicles and devices are exempt from storage limits and location restrictions.

Don't be an idiot(!). Control potential sources of ignition and never fuel devices inside your home/garage. And

lighting up a smoke anywhere near your flammable/combustible fuels is asking for Darwin to take you out (and maybe your loved ones as well).

Home Storage of Flammable Liquids (Gasoline and Coleman White Gas)

- Maximum residential storage of flammable liquids (gasoline and white gas) shall be limited to 25 gallons; preferably stored in an unattached garage or shed. Of this 25 gallon total, no more than 10 gallons can be stored in an attached garage; and absolutely no flammable liquid storage is allowed in basements. (1977 UFC 7902.5.8, 7902.5.10.1, NFPA 30)

- If you decide to store more than 5 gallons of flammable liquids at your home, you need at least one 2A10BC rated fire extinguisher (*Editor: typically, a five-pound unit*), located

no closer than 10 feet, and no further away than 50 feet. (1997 UFC 7902.5.1.2.1)

Home Storage of Combustible Liquids (Diesel, Kerosene and Lamp Oil)

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- If you decide to store more than 25 gallons of combustible liquids at your home, you need at least two 2A10BC rated fire extinguishers, located no closer than 10 feet, and no further away than 50 feet. (1997 UFC 7902.5.1.2.1)

Home Storage of Flammable LP-Gases (Propane and Butane)

- For portable DOT tank storage, you are allowed up to 25 gallons total capacity. You could have up to five 5-gallon (20 lb) portable appliance cylinders (the size usually found on barbecue grills – DOT 4BA240); or one 23-gallon (100 lb) cylinder (DOT 4BW240), in storage at your home, in an unattached garage or shed. But, if you want to store propane and flammable liquids together, they should be separated by at least 10 feet. (1997 UFC 7902.1.6)

- You are only allowed to store up to two (2) of the small portable 1-pound cylinders inside your home or attached garage. (1997 UFC Standard 82-1/NFPA 58/5-34) All other propane cylinder storage must be outside your home in an unattached garage or shed.

Tips and common beginner mistakes

- Don't buy off-the-shelf kits. 98% of them are not worth buying.
- You can't predict when an emergency will happen, so a good prep is always ready.
- You cannot predict what's going to happen, so be diligent about finding and avoiding assumptions in your preps.
- Stay realistic and practical. Avoid zombie and Rambo fantasies. Focus on the things that matter most and remember that simpler is better.
- Don't let prepping overwhelm or defeat you. It's important to enjoy the good life now and not go down a dark spiral of doomsday depression or blow your life savings on supplies. You can prepare without giving up, just like how buying health insurance doesn't mean you've given up on your health.
- Ignore the noise and extremism that tries to take over prepping from the fringes. Unfortunately, many of the related blogs, forums, and Facebook groups are riddled with junk. Speak up or go somewhere else.
- Prepping is better when you connect with like-minded people. Try to connect with

others through [organizations] and through local groups (eg. scouts, CERT, amateur radio clubs, hiking clubs, etc.)

- Avoid "double dipping" your gear. It's tempting to pick stuff out of your bug out bag for a camping trip, for example. But then life tends to get in the way, the gear stays scattered, and that creates windows where an emergency might strike and you're unprepared.
- If you're on a budget, it's better to buy fewer high-quality things than cheap stuff that will fail when you need them most.
- Don't just buy some gear, throw it in a closet, pat yourself on the back, and move on. You are not prepared unless you practice with your supplies and plans.
- A bug out bag is not simply for bugging out to a predetermined location along a predetermined path. It's the one bag you grab first when you need to leave your home.
- It's wrong to think "my plan is to bug out" or "my plan is to shelter in place at home" — emergencies don't care about your plans, and a good prep means being able to do both

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READY: Keep your loved ones safe

by John Boch

(GSL) - Prudent people prepare for bad times during the good times in their spare time. What's more, they do it without "the government" telling them to do so. After all, they know preparedness pays off.

Laying in a few supplies and some equipment will make a turn unpleasant, potentially life-threatening crisis into an mere inconvenience.



As an added bonus, if your home is marginally prepared, your life be less stress-filled and more comfortable (happy wife, happy life), but you can derive satisfaction helping your friends, family and the neighbors recover in the aftermath as well, helping to make your street and neighborhood safer for everyone except bad guys.

Buy a generator

Buy a generator if you don't already have one - with a bare minimum of 2000 watt capacity. I recommend the inverter sets of 3000 watts to ensure that it will handle the start-up surge of critical equipment like a furnace blower motor.



Not only are inverter generators slightly more fuel efficient, but they run very quietly. After all, your dad's noisy generator may will attract every morally and ethically-challenged lowlife from blocks around. Sound travels a long way, especially at night.

Not only do the inverter gensets run quieter, but they're increasingly affordable. 2000 watt inverter generators sell for \$300 or less if you shop around. 3000 watt units will run you closer to \$700. Lay in ten or twenty gallons of fuel and you will be set for at least a week or more of judicious use to keep your furnace running happily (assuming you still have natural gas or LP gas), your fridge and freezer cold, your sump pump pit emptied and your (and your spouse's) beloved CPAP machine(s) running at night.

Be sure to buy oil and sparkplugs for your genset as most need oil changes after 100 hours of use. And spark plugs don't last forever - they should be replaced every few hundred hours of run time.

Also for your list: buy lots of 12ga extension cords.



back-feed your house, m'kay?

What could go wrong with that? How about: Electrocution of yourself or a family member, burning down your house, destroying the genset, or perhaps electrocuting someone, destroying the genset AND burning down your house.

Do you have backup heat?

If not, get some now in case natural gas delivery fails (or LP delivery fails for those living in rural areas). Why? Well, in addition to keeping your family from freezing, it'll keep your pipes from freezing and bursting in sub-freezing weather. As I write this, the outside temperature is -6 degrees F. Ten gallons of kerosene and a kerosene heater will keep you and your house above freezing for almost a week. Twenty gallons will keep things comfy for that week. Remember, happy wife, happy life. Ditto for the kiddos.



Defending your home and gear...

If you're a member of Guns Save Life, you probably have the defensive tools aspects covered. If not, visit your local gun shop for something more effective than a harsh word or a sharp stick to repel two-legged predators.

Given the scarcity of ARs, buy a shotgun like your Dementia-addled Uncle Joe Biden says to do. A shotgun loaded with buckshot is a great, affordable tool that even someone unfamiliar with guns can operate with some degree of effectiveness with minimal coaching.

Communications.

Knowledge is power. If the power goes down, will you still be able to watch TV or access the Internet for news and information? Maybe, if you have a smart phone and the networks aren't overloaded. But maybe not. Have a radio. Ideally a radio that can tune in shortwave radio stations.

As far as two-way communications go, buy some walkie-talkies. Baofeng radios are a great value if you can overcome your dislike of Chinese products. They can be programmed to a wide array of frequencies

and are very versatile. If cell phones are down, these can keep your neighborhood communicating together, or you and your friends coordinating your efforts at recovery (or evacuation). You don't have to spend a lot for these. Great (rechargeable) radios are available for between \$10 and \$40 each depending on your wants or needs.

Flashlights/lighting.

LED flashlights have come a long way. Yes, have a few powerful hand-held flashlights and extra batteries. In general, avoid anything using AAA-batteries as they don't offer decent run times).



HINT: Be sure to buy at least a couple of "headlamp" style lights for every adult to free your hands up while working in otherwise low-light conditions. Also, there are plenty of "floodlight" LED lights that act as portable trouble-lights. Like headlamp lights, these are helpful even in normal times.

Fire suppression.

Have at least two or three 10-pound ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers available. If municipal water goes down, not only will folks not have water for drinking, but firefighters won't have water for firefighting. A five-pound extinguisher will put out a lot of fire. Which makes having ten-pound units handy far better.

Medications.

It may cost some out-of-pocket money to ensure you have a bare minimum of a thirty day supply of life-sustaining medications, but do it anyway.

Food and Water

Lay in stocks of shelf-stable foods and some water. How much food? That's completely up to you. A week makes a very nice start. Two weeks is far better.

As for water, the experts recommend a minimum of a gallon per person per day, so plan to use two. You can store it, filter it or chemically treat it. If you plan to make it through filtering or treating, make sure you have nearby surface water available along with a means to transport the untreated water to your home - even your (grand)kid's Red Flyer wagon. After all, you aren't going to carry much water very far.

Think you're going to boil nasty water to make it safe? You'll need roughly a half-kilogram of wood to bring a liter of water to a boil in a campfire-type setting. That's a lot of lumber. So plan on using filtration to keep you in water. Or alternatively, chemical treatment.

Prudent planning prevents poor performance

A little prudent planning will make sure you don't suffer poor performance when (not if) disaster strikes in your life.



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GSL's Darren Bailey running for Gov

Bloomington, IL (GSL) - GSL's very own Darren Bailey announced his campaign for the Republican nomination for the race for Illinois Governor in the 2022 election. Bailey, a solid Christian conservative, says he wants to bring both jobs and people back to Illinois through lower taxes, less regulation and a lot less J.B. Pritzker.

The downstate state senator has aggressively challenged J.B. Pritzker's repeated emergency declarations on the COVID pandemic that have crippled small business in Illinois.

Bailey's also highly critical of the past leadership of Michael Madigan and our state government that has driven nearly one million residents to leave the state in the past decade.

Senator Bailey is also a semi-regular at the GSL Charleston meetings and we look forward to his future visits there and elsewhere across our great state.

*Would include Glock, Beretta pistols. Even some revolvers. 34 Dem co-sponsors already
Bill would ban mags over 10 rounds
Existing guns and mags grandfathered*

Feinstein introduces gun, magazine ban in Senate

(GSL) - After the US House passed the ban on private transfers of firearms, the 87-year-old California Democrat Senator Diane Feinstein introduced her gun ban of 2021. Her bill would ban production and sale of America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, and millions of other guns in common use across America. What's more, it would also ban the sale of many revolvers and even simple shotguns. Feinstein's bill would also ban the sale of all magazines over 10 rounds.



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Upcoming GSL meetings

Springfield, April 5th: Melissa Harden on female perspective on situational awareness.

Rantoul, April 13th: USMC Gunnery Sergeant Michael Berryhill on UIUC Navy/Marine Corps ROTC.

Pontiac, May 4th: Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources Executive Director Scotty Bryant on Illinois Government.

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Carjacker shot in head, twice, at second robbery of night

Philadelphia (Patriot News) - A suspect in a Philadelphia carjacking was shot in the head after authorities say he was trying to rob a second person Monday night.

The person-of-interest in the carjacking is in critical condition, NBC 10 is reporting.

Woman protects home, child from 'disorderly male'

Port Huron, MI (Michigan Live) -- A 31-year-old Port Huron woman shot a man in the neck Sunday morning after she claimed he tried to break into her home.

The woman's neighbor in the 900 block of Huron Avenue in Port Huron called police at 5:07 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, to report that a disorderly male was yelling for help in the street.

Minutes later, a female resident of a home on the block, called 911 stating she had shot someone trying to break into her home. She was home alone with a small child, according to a Port Huron Police Department news release.

Home invasion goes poorly for invader

Tallahassee, FL (Democrat) - The Tallahassee Police Department is investigating after a homeowner shot and killed an intruder early Wednesday. TPD received a call just after 1 a.m. and responded to a house in the 2800 block of Old St. Augustine Road, near the intersection of Capital Circle SE, where they found a dead adult male.

"We are investigating it as a home invasion, attempted burglary with a shooting," department spokesperson Alicia Turner said Thursday. "The homeowner used deadly force on the suspect after they entered the home."



Customers, staff shoot crazed gunman at indoor range shop

Metairie, LA (Breitbart) - Customers and staff opened fire and killed an attacker who had begun shooting at individuals at Jefferson Gun Outlet Saturday afternoon just before 3 p.m....

WDSU notes the suspect opened fire after becoming angry at store clerk who wanted him to follow protocol instead of entering the the range with a loaded gun. Shots were fired as a result, leading "at least two customers" to open fire on the attacker.

The attacker continued to fire, and Lopinto observed the suspect was finally killed "outside the location by multiple other individuals."



Mom-beating rampage ended by a woman with a gun

Wilmington, NC (Uncle Sam's Misguided Children) — Bart Anthony Coniglio, 40, chased his own mother and a friend from her home to the neighbor's house. The neighbor happened to be an off-duty Deputy with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office. He forced his way into her house and she shot him. Twice.

Those pesky facts getting in the way of a fake news narrative

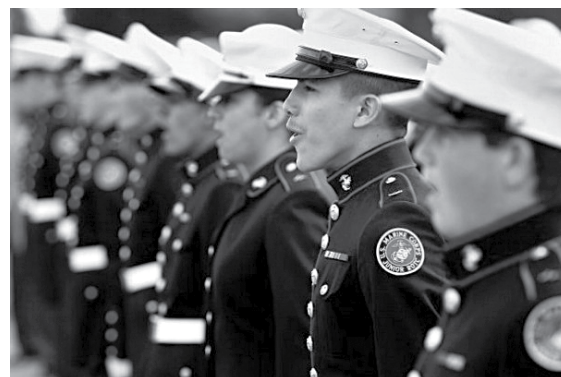
Felons admit 90% of guns they used in gun crimes didn't come from legal sources

(Washington Examiner) - ...Based on the 2016 Survey of Prison Inmates, the Justice Department reported in 2019 that "among prisoners who possessed a gun during their offense, 90% did not obtain it from a retail source." Read that again. Among those individuals arrested, convicted, and sentenced, 90% of the

firearms used in gun-related crimes did not come from legal sources, which include gun shows.

Astoundingly, only 0.8% of prisoners who had a firearm during their offense legally "obtained it at a gun show." So, less than 1% of all firearms used in gun-related offenses came from gun

shows. This is fascinating, seeing that the current administration and congressional majority would have us believe the "gun show loophole" is one area where the plague of gun violence is spawning from and it is just "common sense" to address it. But yet again, the facts show this is an illusion.



CALLING GSL MEMBERS! Got some extra .22s?

UIUC Navy/Marine Corps ROTC needs ammo

by John Boch

Gunnery Sergeant Michael Berryhill, the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, contacted me in recent days. He describes himself as "a Marine for over 15 years now and I have been blessed with the opportunity to train, evaluate, and shape young aspiring Navy and Marine Corps Officers here with the NROTC unit."

His father-in-law referred him to GSL as part of his search for ammo for "training Midshipmen on safe handling and use of weapons for marksmanship in order to prepare them for follow on training when they become active duty service members." He explained that they have exhausted their supply of rimfire ammo for their training. The Navy no longer provides ammo and their training system isn't allowed to purchase it either. He doesn't want to pause or cancel the live-fire shooting program as it give valuable experience to the young

folks in the program. He believes in the program enough that he has been willing to buy ammo with his personal funds, but there's no ammo availability right now.

As it is right now, he needs about 6,000-8,000 rounds per year. He missed the Friends of NRA grant window, but it wouldn't have mattered as there were few Friends of NRA dinners last year. I've donated over 2,000 rounds of my own .22s and I'm asking my fellow Guns Save Life members if they would be willing to donate a brick or more .22 ammo to the UIUC Navy/Marine Corps shooting program to help tomorrow's military officers.

If you have ammo you could donate, contact me at jboch@gunssavelifelife.com or bring it to upcoming GSL meetings. Gunnery Sergeant Berryhill will likely be speaking at the April GSL meeting in Rantoul if you would like to meet him.

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Some politicians in the Land of Lincoln seek to disarm the little people like you and me. Unlike the rest of us, these pols work and play behind armed guards and metal detectors. They have legions of police bodyguards at their beck and call. Some of them even have skilled bodyguards 24/7, all paid for by our tax dollars.

Meanwhile for the little people like us, we try to live our lives and raise our families. Unfortunately, in today's world, we face increasing danger from violent criminals.

Sadly our political leaders continue embracing the same failed soft-on-crime policies that led to rampant violent crime in the 1970s. Just last month, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed a bill that make law enforcement more difficult for police - and crime easier for criminals. It's no skin off his back. Pritzker has armed bodyguards for himself and his family, so what does he care?

For the rest of us, the person most responsible for our safety and security is the person we see in the mirror every morning. It doesn't matter if you're a single mom, a retiree, a widow or the father of four.

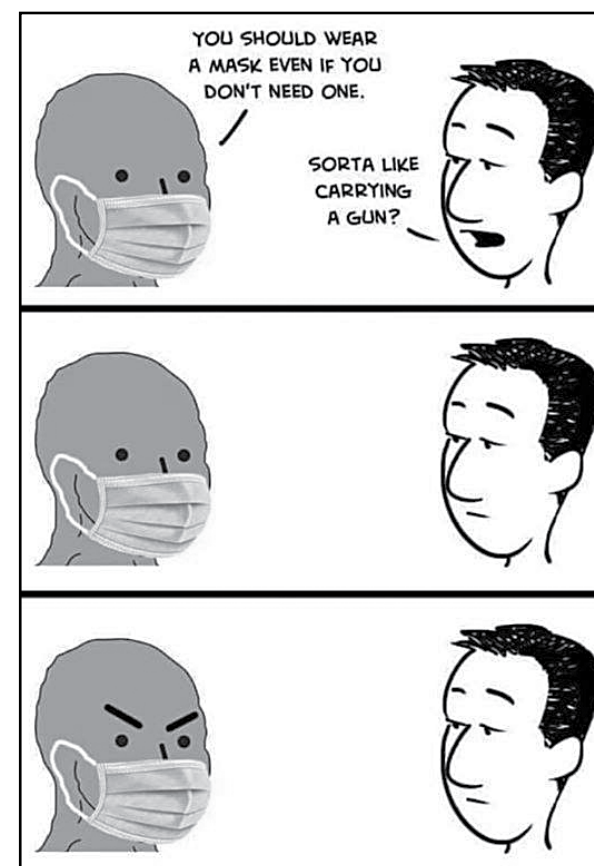
The little people in America - those of us without a lot of money or powerful friends - we don't have the luxury of living in gated communities or hiring armed security to keep us safe.

Thanks to the Second Amendment, we do have the great equalizer - firearms. Guns help level the playing field against young, strong violent criminals. Guns protect families. Guns protect children.

You owe it to your loved ones to keep them safe. At the same time, you have to protect yourself too. All of us have people who count on us. We owe it to them to be there for them today and tomorrow.

You *don't* have to be a defenseless victim. Empower yourself now. Become a gun owner. Get training. Carry your gun whenever and wherever you can legally do so.

While you're at it, get self-defense insurance as well so you can hire the same top-tier criminal defense attorneys that usually only the rich folks like J.B. Pritzker can afford. Because you deserve the very best legal defense money can buy. Just like the rich and powerful.



Man pledges to denigrate us when we can't move heaven and earth for him

Non-member demands our help to restore his firearm rights, then gets indignant when we can't perform miracles

by John Boch

Guns Save Life defends your right to defend yourself and we stand as a resource to gun owners across Illinois.

We will offer advice based upon what has worked for people we know in the past. We do this freely in our own time for all.

At the same time, we

aren't lawyers. We can't change the law or wave a wand to fix problems.

Recently a non-member repeatedly messaged me asking if I can help restore his gun rights taken without due process. He wrote that he's asked Republicans to help him "but they are just talk and have done nothing."

I gave him my best advice. In short, I told him he needed to hire an attorney or move out of Illinois to a state that doesn't require a FOID card.

His response dripped with his sense of entitlement (reprinted as received): "No worries groups like yours take money to help but i see how this is a waste of

money."

Then he kept digging, "I will others know my experience with your organization and encourage them not to donate any money because you do not help the common man."

I blocked his number. With "friends" like him, who needs enemies?



Our thanks goes out to Oleg Volk for his continued permission to use his creative work to help us in our gun rights advocacy work. You can see more of them at his websites:

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Now is not the time for impotent tough talk and posturing with weapons at protests

by Max Morton

(*American Greatness*) - In America, firearm ownership is a right—not a privilege. It is guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the Constitution's Bill of Rights and back-stopped by the Supreme Court's decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. Traditional Americans view the Second Amendment as one of the most important in the Bill of Rights. It is a part of American culture; a unique individual right of self-preservation and protection that is now either nonexistent or heavily restricted in most other nations.

Over the past several years, as the woke cultural revolution intensified, conservative conversations focused on the Second Amendment as the final defense against the tyranny that may result as progressives march toward authoritarian-style government. In response, right-leaning and independent-minded citizens have shown up at protests to exercise those Second Amendment rights by posturing with firearms and assorted tactical equipment. Regardless of the prudence involved in such actions, we are now treading on new ground.

Following the November 3 election and subsequent January 6 protest at the Capitol, the current regime set out to eliminate political opposition by casting them as "white supremacists" and "domestic extremists." They intend to use the legal authorities, tactics, and techniques that were previously employed against Al Qaeda and ISIS against those ordinary Americans who refuse to accept the ruling elite's political ideology.

Simply put, the most deadly counterterrorism machine from the world's most powerful country is coming for you. You, ordinary American, are the target. Now is not the time for impotent tough talk and posturing with weapons at protests. The Second Amendment, and all of our rights, are critical to a free society, and we should seek to understand how best to exercise and defend them from authoritarian factions of the ruling elite. This is the time to get smart on how to counter this assault on liberty and avoid falling into the traps the ruling elite are setting for traditional America...

The Crux

The Biden regime is not a sustainable political entity. It cannot continue to exist in its present state because it will collapse under the weight of its own spectacle. As a result, it needs a catalyst to move its increasingly unpopular agenda forward. The catalyst they are trying to create is a defined internal enemy. A bogeyman they can use to justify tyrannical "emergency" actions, which mask the truth of the regime's activities and enable it to eliminate any credible political opposition.

Since the national security apparatus is the primary regime backer within the permanent bureaucracy, you can expect it to use the provocation-reaction-counteraction template that is the favorite of organizations like the FBI. They provoke and harass the target until it punches back—at which point the target is labeled a threat and a counter-action is justified.

Traditional Americans need to recognize this tactic because they are the antagonist in this regime's Greek tragedy. If the regime's enforcers can get traditional Americans to look like they are about to commit violence, then they can justify the passage of the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act and can implement draconian gun control policies. Once they've attained the legal authorities to neuter their political opposition, they can move to further isolate them under the guise of national security.

Keep in mind that agents provocateurs and government informants are now a part of the political landscape. The regime wants to restrict or eliminate constitutional rights it deems problematic, including the Second Amendment. Don't make it easy for them by following their agents provocateurs. Those who continuously espouse violence are poseurs and provocateurs. Government informants are paid to lie for their handlers. Treat both of them like any other undesirable character and walk away.

Remember the old Russian proverb: "Three men sit down to talk about revolution. Two are police informants, and the third is a fool."

Traditional Americans can win this battle, but they need to be smart about it. They should understand the tactics that the regime will use and not fall into the trap that is being laid. We, traditional Americans, can do this by using a layered defense-in-depth that capitalizes on nonviolent political action.

There is a certain kind of personality that is attracted to Washington, D.C. That personality may be vain, self-serving, power-hungry, and even psychotic, but the one thing it will always do is try to position itself next to the winner, the one with the power. If traditional Americans want Washington to do their bidding, then they need to look, sound, and act like winners. Traditional Americans need to demonstrate that it is the people who have the power and that the people are the ones to be feared . . . thus liberty.

Max Morton is a retired U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, former CIA paramilitary operations officer, and a veteran of multiple armed conflicts, revolutions, and contingency operations.



Fascism & the Fake Insurrection

by David Horowitz

(*Front Page Mag*) - In less than a month in office, the Biden administration has clearly defined itself and its party as a fascist vanguard, driven by a racist agenda, and unconstrained by constitutional principle. It chooses to rule by presidential diktat, even though it controls both Houses of Congress. It is an aggressive pursuer of political division behind a deceptive smokescreen of "healing" and "unity." It is busily exploiting a fake "armed insurrection" to justify witch-hunts of the military, the capital police, members of Congress and the opposition media, at the moment Fox and Newsmax, whom they want to suppress. Its legislative radicals have called for the expulsion of half the Republican conference, without rebuke from their leaders. Because these actions are indefensible in a democracy, the Democrat Party is brazenly advancing these destructive, anti-democratic measures using Orwellian double-speak.

Thus, Merrick Garland, Biden's nominee to be the chief law enforcement officer of the land, has claimed under oath that terrorist acts can only be committed in the daytime — a transparent move to protect the domestic terrorists of

the left who laid siege to 220 American cities at night last summer, showing utter contempt for authority and law, while attacking federal buildings and local police offices along the way. In other words the fake insurrection in the Capitol — an event conducted mainly by Trump supporters in which only Trump supporters died — is an act of domestic terrorism because it took place in the daytime. But violent armed insurrections and attacks on federal buildings conducted by leftists at night, cannot be regarded as terrorist events. How can Americans expect blind justice from a sophist like this? The nauseating sophistry has an obvious bottom line. Only violent protests by Trump supporters can justify the political witch-hunts and purges the Democrats are currently conducting against all conservatives and Republicans.

The so-called "armed insurrection" in the Capitol on January 6 was used to impeach Trump? It was allegedly so dangerous as to justify impeaching him after he left office? But it deserves to be called a "fake armed insurrection" because there were no firearms present, and no plausible plan to overthrow the government. The malicious fantasy that

this effort was an armed attempt to overthrow the government is just that: a malicious fantasy.

Four people died at the event — all unarmed. The one who didn't die of a heart attack, stroke or medical emergency, Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt, was murdered by a Capitol police officer — with no consequences to the officer. The Capitol police officer who died — Brian Suknick, and was laid in state and honored by Democrats as a defender of their faith, died of indeterminate causes the day after the melee, and was a Trump supporter.

The January 6 mob scene, according to investigators, was planned by "Oath Keepers" — a fringe pro-Trump group — two months before Trump gave the speech for which he was impeached under the bogus charge that he had "incited an insurrection." In fact, he had offered to deploy 10,000 National Guardsmen to defend the Capitol for the January 6 certification. Some insurrectionist!

... The hour is actually late, and Americans better wake up and start fighting for their country or there will soon be nothing left to defend.

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with local gun shops.

Ammo is pretty much unavailable, Dan noted. He doesn't expect things to change anytime this year and it's definitely hurting their range business.

Later, not only did history come to life with the great historian and former National War College professor **Col. French MacLean** (USAR), but MacLean's presentation included a lot of strategies that gun owners can use to fight politically against our ideological opponents.

Officially, the presentation covered competing strategies of the US Civil War. While the Confederacy "fought the last war late," the Union's General Grant "fought the next war early" to clinch the victory for the North, according to MacLean.

MacLean did a good job explaining why the South was by and large doomed during the war because of a host of disadvantages it faced against the Union forces.

As part of that, he discussed identifying the enemy's "center of gravity" which must be attacked and destroyed to win in war - or in politics. In our case, the anti-gun left's center of gravity is the mainstream media and the public education system that inculcates young people to oppose gun ownership and gun rights.

How do we erode their center of gravity? Stop spending money and time consuming the mainstream media's products - everything from newspapers, TV news to social media services. Furthermore, gun owners must either counteract the bias of the left in schools or consider home schooling or private schools.

MacLean also noted how people can lose their jobs or their businesses in today's "cancel culture" and we must fight that everywhere.

Dave Randolph talked up the **June 12th "Aim 4 Fun" event** at the **DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club**.

Justin Bawcum won the 50/50 - nearly \$200 - then we gave away a bunch of door prizes. **Don S.** won the Taurus 9mm pistol. Congrats to him! In the current local climate, he respectfully declined posing for a photo.

Next month is the two-year anniversary for the Decatur region meeting. Randolph has secured a very nice .243 bolt-action rifle for the April gun.

Peoria

Peoria's Regional Director Kay Davis returned to lead a crowd of about 90 of the

faithful at **Barrack's Hospitality Center in Peoria**. Following an outstanding meal for those who ate, we began with the Pledge, recognition of our veterans and we welcomed about a dozen or more newcomers.

John Boch shared the Executive Director's Report, saying he worries that proposals to add a modest 1% tax on ammo and a 10% tax on black guns and magazines over ten rounds might seem "reasonable" to those who are relatively agnostic on guns. They might not see adding a small tax on a Constitutional right as excessively burdensome or objectionable.

Our main speaker **Stephen Stewart** from **CI Shooting Sports in Normal** shared his story of bringing a prolific firearm store and shooting range to Central Illinois. He also gave us an update on the business climate and on the industry. "People are nervous," he said.

He began in 2007 with a uniform and police supply shop in Bloomington that soon sold guns too. Then, in 2014, he expanded from 1500 sq. ft. to a 27,000 square foot retail space and indoor range. The store offers the very clean range, a gun shop, training, clothing, accessories, reloading gear and much more.

Of course, ammo sales have been insane. Recently, they sold 250 boxes of 9mm ammo at one box per customer within two hours of posting availability on social media. Similarly, training classes fill quickly. Again, "people are nervous and worried about their safety," he noted. Especially after the local rioting and looting last summer.



During Q&A, Stewart faced all manner of industry-related questions. He estimated that as many as 40% of gun purchasers are new to gun ownership. People coming to his shop travel from as far away as Chicago given the scarcity of guns and ammo there. He also noted an uptick of non-traditional gun buyers, specifically women in general and African-American women in particular.

Similarly, a whole lot of liberals formerly opposed to the idea of gun ownership have been buying their first guns. The rioting from last summer proved a "come to Jesus" moment for many of them.

He proudly noted that he has ammo. Why does he have ammo and so many other shops don't? He noted there's three ways to buy ammo for stores. There's wholesale distributors which are basically out of stock.

Some stores seeking large quantities have arrangements directly with factories - which he has done. He's getting pallets of ammo every month and dedicates over half of it to range and class availability. The rest is available on a one-box per caliber per day limit to allow as many as possible to buy some ammo. Lastly, shops with cash reserves can partner together to make massive "group buys" with importers to buy product by the shipping container.

He's keeping his margins steady, but notes there have been at least three 15% wholesale price hikes in the last few months. "The days of \$12.99 boxes of 9mm ammo

are long gone," he noted. Anything under \$20 is a good price now.

For those who have enough ammo for the next year or two, he advised them to sit tight and not buy from those charging premium prices. He believes stores will have some inventory by then, but he's not sure what the prices will look like.

For **tech time**, the great **Steve Davis** discussed a custom holster maker from Wisconsin. Bob Mika, a retired cop from the West Coast, makes some great, custom leather pocket holsters for the affordable sum of \$35 each.



Davis raved about the build quality, comfort and value of these pocket holsters. They work well and he has more than one. See mikaspocketholsters.com.

Dave Randolph talked up the **June 12th "Aim 4 Fun" event** at the **DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club**.

We had upwards of fifteen door prizes (thank you, donors). **Matt Pelhar** wasn't present, but he won the 12 gauge shotgun. Meanwhile **Jay Smith** took home almost

\$200 in the 50/50.

Next month, we have a **Taurus .38 Special 6-shot snubnose** revolver.

Champaign County.

Champaign County's Regional Director Dan Worthey called the meeting of about "49" of the faithful to order. Following the Pledge, we had a prayer from Lois Morton, and then we welcomed newcomers and recognized our veterans.

The **Executive Director's Report** from **John Boch** detailed the latest news and legislative updates. In short, we're in for a rough ride.

Our first speaker, **Gary Pugh**, talked about his **residential fire experience** from last November. He had ammo, primers and powder stored in the back of his garage. "It was a big learning experience," he said.

Of course it burned. He offered some advice for our members to minimize danger in their own homes. First off, don't put your powder in a sturdy container (like a gun safe). That will make a nice bomb. Secondly, don't store propane cylinders or canisters in your home or attached garage. Those tend to explode.

He concluded by pointing people to some great YouTube videos by SAAMI detailing the risks, or lack of risks, when it comes to firearms ammunition and fires.

Three members of the **LeRoy Rifle and**

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Dave Randolph.

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Preparedness includes looking out for loved ones after you're gone

Life, death and GUN COLLECTIONS

Don't leave your family in the dark about your guns

by John Boch

Mark Twain once famously noted that the only certainties in life are death and taxes. We're all going to die someday - some of us sooner than others. Which is why it is important to prepare ahead of that eventuality by helping your loved ones identify and value your firearms collection.

Like all of us, I know a lot of guys who buy guns that their wives know nothing about. I know even more whose wives know about their guns in a peripheral sense, but don't really know much more than "there's a lot of guns in that safe."

Just as men may not know how much used purses or jewelry might be worth, a lot of women aren't all that hip on firearm values. Heck, plenty of people - both men and women alike - remain uneasy around guns as they may not understand how to make them safe, much less competently appraise values.

Need an example of this? Each day, non-gun people "turn in" estate guns at police stations across America because they aren't comfortable handling those "icky" things.

For a lot of families, ignorance of gun values is not power. What's more, plenty of folks don't really know how to dispose of unwanted firearms of their deceased relative's collection and not get fleeced - or worse - while doing so.



In some states, there is an additional urgency. In Illinois, for instance, if the spouse or executor of the will does not have a Firearms Owners ID card, then they have just sixty (60) days to either get a FOID card or dispose of all firearms and ammunition in order to comply with the law.

If you have the misfortune of living in a state with regulations on owning or transferring firearms, you should consult local laws to stay legal.

Make a list.

The single best thing you can do to help your family after your death - at least when it comes to your guns - is to make a list. And just like Santa, check it twice...

Include the make, model, serial number, approximate resale value, and any accessories that go with said firearm and their respective value as a package. Take

pictures too. For some, it will be simple. This also serves as your opportunity to earmark certain firearms to go to certain individuals as appropriate.

For example:

GLOCK 19, Gen 3 with Trijicon night sights installed in 2018. 9mm Luger. Ser. 123GRT. Estimated value \$450-\$500. With about five spare GLOCK mags, estimated value about \$15-\$20 each. I'd like this to go to my son Mark.

For others, it will be more complex.

Ruger Precision Rifle. 6.5 Creedmoor caliber. Serial No. 12345A. Estimated value about \$1400. With Vortex Razor 5-20x50 scope (attached and sighted in). Scope serial No. 6789X. Paid \$1700 for scope. Estimated value at least \$1200ish. Rifle with scope, scope mount (\$100), Harris bipod (\$100), Timney trigger upgrade (\$200), two spare magazines and misc. accessories, as is should bring at least \$2800 as a package, or easily \$3000 with the custom hand-loaded ammunition nearby in ammo cans. Don't recommend parting it out as you'll never sell the small stuff.

You could take five minutes to compile the above information for your wife or kids now. Or you could get hit by a bus before getting around to it. Then your loved ones might have some unscrupulous person tell them how the rifle is nothing special ("Bolt action? Ewww! It's not even a semi-auto!") and that it has a junk Chinese scope on top. "I'll give you \$500 for the whole thing and that's generous."

Which scenario would you prefer?

Protect your family from theft or robbery-homicides.

Do you have any black sheep of the family living nearby? Or even worse, drug addicts or bad neighbors who know you have a huge collection of guns? Remember, for some folks, a half-dozen or ten guns is an "arsenal" - and that desperate people do desperate things.

If you are anything close to a prolific gun owner and have theft concerns, get the majority of the guns out of the house to someplace secure ASAP.

Also, make sure you have one or more trusted friends, with guns, at the residence to watch things during the visitation / funeral. Because bad guys, knowing that NRA Joe has a bunch of guns, would never target the house while his wife Jane attended funeral services, right? Actually, it's so common that people have a name for it: obituary burglars.

Also, having strangers come into the home to look over a dozen guns - or scores of guns all out in the open - stands as a recipe for a robbery. Or a robbery homicide. That's a no-go for safety if potential buyers aren't well-known and vetted.

Patience in selling a collection will net the most money

Disposing of estate collections

Ideally, you'll have family to which you can pass down heirloom firearms and other pieces with sentimental value. Along with ammo and accessories.

For the rest of the guns? You have options...

One easy way to dispose of a collection large or small is to **work with a local gun shop to put them on consignment**, locally and/or through an online auction service like GunBroker.

Yes, the gun shop will charge maybe 10-20% of the purchase price for the service, but you get the guns out of your house into a secure location right away. Not only that, but the gun shop will handle the paperwork.

The down side is that it may take time to sell them if they aren't priced competitively - and most people think their guns are worth more than they really are. Another downside here is that most stores will want little to do with buying "used" ammunition, primers or powder, even if it's in pristine condition in boxes. Thank the liability lawyers.

Another option available for immediate transfer of the guns out of the house are **large firearms auctions**. For example, in Central Illinois, Bauer Auctions in Mattoon has massive, hybrid online/in-person gun auctions four times each year. No doubt other states have similar sales.

They will have experience at handling multi-hundred gun estates, so you won't overwhelm them with 100 or even 500 guns. They



can also sell ammo, powder, reloading gear, accessories and so forth, too. They typically charge a sliding scale fee depending on the sale price of the firearm, but it's low.

Depending on when you get the guns to them (or they come get them), it may take a few months before there's a sale. Then about two to four weeks later, you'll receive a check for the net proceeds from the sale. Remember, they can and will sell stuff like ammo, powder, gun safes and reloading gear at auctions.

If you're not in a hurry to cash out a large collection, this is probably going to net you the most dollars for your guns with a minimal amount of work on your end.

For high end collections of collectibles, there's always the world famous Rock Island Auction.

In a hurry? Yes, there's a way to do that as well. Call nearby gun shops and ask if they'll come

out and **make an offer for the entire collection**. Expect to receive about 60% of the *wholesale* price for guns in good shape, and less for poorer quality specimens. That will translate to about 40-50% of current market prices. You may get 10% more for highly sought-after collectibles. You get the money instantly, but you'll pay (dearly) for the urgency.

Lastly, you can always **advertise them for sale to private parties** in publications, if you can find such an animal in today's day and age. For a handful of guns, that's no big deal. Trying to sell a hundred guns? It would become a full-time job dealing with tire-kickers and low-ball artists.

Before you get hit by a bus, do your loved ones a big favor: inventory your guns and accessories, and include pricing information and recommendations on how to dispose of the guns that aren't family heirlooms or sentimental.

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Pistol Club came out to give us an update as part of our second main presentation of the night. **Dan Rawlings** took the lead, explaining that the club, now operating under the **American Heritage Range** name, expects to be operational by Memorial Day 2021.



Dan Rawlings.

The range, located near Wapella, has a 18' 3-sided berm for up to 25-yard shooting and they've nearly completed a sound-mitigation structure.

Coming in future months are 100, 200 and 500-yard ranges.

Obviously, they're seeking members. Their first-year membership is \$150 and there are no range fees above that. Overall, their message to gun owners across Central Illinois is that "We're alive and well," said Mr. Rawlings. **John Garee and Ed Johnson** helped with the presentation, showing photos of the improvements on the property.

Joe Tharp, a former SWAT cop and martial arts student with a long, long resume addressed the audience as **Tech Time** for the night.

He brought a large collection of bladed weapons and talked about their use, defense against them and how to avoid becoming a victim of a knife-wielding baddie.

First and foremost, he explained, was avoidance. Use your situational awareness to avoid sketchy people everywhere - not just in sketchy places at sketchy times. "Avoidance is the best strategy for dealing with bad guys," he said.

Where that fails, he advised not to hesitate against an attacker. Fight back violently enough, quickly enough, to overwhelm your attacker and let the lawyers sort it out later. Hesitation or half-hearted resistance will get you or someone you care about killed. Tharp strongly recommended self-defense insurance to pay for that legal representation.

He used his son Mitch as a sparring partner to show some knife disarms, but again, better to avoid the bad guy than have to rely on knife disarms. Later, he showed some firearm disarms to the audience too. (Again, avoidance beats getting cut or shot.)

During questions, Tharp explained how "command presence" and confidence are invaluable to casting yourself as a hard target against bad guys. *Bad guys avoid people who look confident and alert.* After all, there are plenty of distracted and timid types out there to pick from in society.

If attacked and you use deadly force, Tharp recommended not to give any statement beyond identifying your attacker, telling cops that you feared for your life and to ask for your attorney. And that's from a guy who worked as a cop for 30 years.

Dave Randolph spoke about the upcoming **GSL "Aim 4 Fun"** event on **June 12th at DeWitt County Sportsman's Club**.

John Grubb won the 50/50. Meanwhile, **Richard Kinkade** won yet another gun, this time a **Bond Arms 9mm Derringer**.

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NEXT MONTH (tentative): Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Michael Berryhill will join us to speak on the UIUC Navy/Marine Corps ROTC program.

Charleston.

Charleston's Regional Co-Director Justin Bawcum opened the meeting of about 80 ahem, 49, of the faithful at the **U Hotel and Conference Center in Charleston**. We began with the pledge, recognition of our veterans and newcomers and we welcomed our newcomers.

Justin noted that **Bill Harrison** 'retired' from his leadership role with GSL and that **Keith Pippin** has filled Bill's big shoes. Thank you Mr. Harrison for your years of Second Amendment advocacy.

John Boch delivered his **Executive Director's Report** on the day that the **US House** passed a ban on private firearm transfers. Boch channelled his inner Rush Limbaugh to say it's not (yet) time to panic. Unless the Dems change the rules in the Senate, there aren't 60 votes to send it to President Asterisk.



Our **main speaker** for the night proudly wears his beliefs on his arms. **Mark Briggs**, a former cop and current fitness and firearms trainer, spoke on the importance of dry fire in your regular life.

We've all seen some of the crazy ammunition prices of late, and this makes dry-fire all the more relevant to keeping up your skill sets sharp. While the gun won't go bang, you will internalize good gun presentations, trigger squeezes and safe reholstering with those simple dry-fire exercises. Reholstering too? You bet. You may need to reholster to go hands-on with someone after firing your gun and you don't want to survive a gunfight just to shoot yourself in a stressful moment putting the gun away.

He's a fan of the **SIRT pistols**, which some models will actually mate with some software to help you even more.



Mr. Briggs also spoke briefly about politics in America today and about the **Oathkeepers and Ill% organizations**. Both orgs are very pro-America and stand for the polar opposite of what Democrats and the mainstream media claim.

Special Guest Speakers: **Congresswoman Mary Miller** and her husband **State Rep. Chris Miller**

Fresh off an airplane ride from Washington, D.C., Chris and Mary Miller came in to our GSL meeting. "You're our people," Mary said with a genuine, relieved smile.

She spoke with frustration about the trainwreck that is Washington DC under the Dems and Nancy Pelosi. For example, HR1 would federalize elections and institutionalize the cheating that took place in last year's election. "Pray this doesn't become law," she pleaded.

Miller described the spending as mind-boggling and the social engineering as totally alien to our nation's founding. What's more, among all that spending is federal tax dollars that will be used to propagandize everyday Americans against gun rights. Mary also said to expect a gun and magazine ban bill to pass the House in the coming days.

Her husband Chris Miller also spoke. He spoke about his truck photographed outside the US Capitol. "I had permits," he said.

During questions, they said that constituents aren't allowed in the US Capitol building and that armored black Chevy Suburbans driven by the Secret Service pick up the Democrats in Congress. The Republican members are on their own, of course.

The fences and the soldiers are all for optics. Chris noted how none of the soldiers have ammo for their sidearms or rifles. He added that, "Journalism is dead and we're being censored."

He called what's happening in Washington, "A coup upon our nation."

At the end, Mary asked members to shout their support to **Rep. Marjorie Taylor-Green** from Georgia as Mary took a video. MTG is one of Mary's best friends in the new Congress.

Following the meeting, there was a line of members waiting to talk to both to express

support and ask questions.

We had a mountain of tickets for the monthly "gun" drawing which featured 500+ rounds of .223 and 500 rounds of 9mm FMJ. **Gene Scott**, a Charleston regular, won the ammo cache! Congrats to him. Meanwhile, **Rusty Stephens** won an undisclosed amount on the 50/50.



Gene Scott won the ammo! *Gene Scott from the Charleston region beat out a mountain of tickets sold by mail and from other regions to win the nearly price-less 1000+ rounds of 9mm and .223 ammo at the Charleston meeting. Congratulations to him.*



Mary Miller with Ray Carr while others wait their turn nearly a half-hour after the meeting concluded.

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Ithaca, NY mayor proposes abolishing police department

(GQ) - ...And now, in a proposal announced today, the mayor of Ithaca, NY will attempt the most radical reimagining of policing in the post-George Floyd era so far: abolishing the city's police department as currently constructed and replacing it with a reimagined city agency.

In a nearly 100-page report obtained by GQ, Mayor Svante Myrick will propose replacing the city's current 63-officer, \$12.5 million a year department with a "Department of Community Solutions and Public Safety" which would include armed "public safety workers" and unarmed "community solution workers," all of whom will report to a civilian director of public safety instead of a police chief. Under the proposal, all current officers would have to re-apply for a position with the new department.



Why it's going to be much harder to make 'Expert' under the Marines' new rifle qual standard

(Military.com) - U.S.

Marines are known for their shooting ability, but marksmanship officials in the Corps expect to see expert rates plummet when troops begin attempting a new, combat-focused rifle qualification course this fall.

As of Oct. 1, active-duty Marines will be required to qualify with the new Annual Rifle Qualification, or ARQ, a modernized course of fire crafted to replace the current Annual Rifle Training, or ART, qualification course, which has been used since the early 1900s.

Instead of shooting at fixed targets from 200, 300 and 500 yards, the new course will force Marines to hit lethal zones marked on the head and chest of stationary and moving targets more like they would in battle.

"Marksmanship is fundamental to who we are as Marines," Col. Mark Liston, commander of the Weapons Training Battalion at Quantico, Virginia, told reporters Tuesday. "The ARQ course of fire is very mature at this point. We have had several annual combat marksmanship symposiums that have determined the need to update how we assess the marksmanship of Marines and sailors assigned to the [Fleet Marine Force]."

Marksmanship officials expect that the more challenging ARQ course and new scoring standards will result in far fewer experts when Marines first make the switch.

"The current rate for expert is 65%, whereas with ARQ we are anticipating 6% to be experts," Gunner John Costa, director of the Marksmanship Program Management Section at the Weapons Training Battalion, told reporters...

He also pointed out that the Marine Corps never updated the current ART to adjust for the service's adoption of the Rifle Combat Optic, or RCO, more than 15 years ago.

"Nothing was ever updated with the advent of the RCO," Costa said. "That is something key for everyone to understand: That was a course of fire designed for iron sights; the Marines then gave them a 4X optic."

When considering that the current expert rate in ART is 65%, "we've really got to consider how well the equipment is helping us out and maybe we should have increased some standards a while ago."

The scoring for the new qualification course has also changed.

Under current qualifica-

tion standards, Marines fire 50 rounds, worth five points each, depending on shot placement on targets. They must earn at least 190 points for the marksman badge; at least 210 for sharpshooter; and a minimum of 220 to earn the expert rating.

The ARQ course of fire consists of 50 destroy targets with lethal zones marked in the chest and face area. There are also three types of drills that put Marines through a sequenced scenario involving an enemy at close range.

Marines will shoot four iterations of the 25-yard failure to stop drill, four iterations of the 25-yard box drill, and two iterations of the failure to stop drill while moving from the 25-yard line to the 15-yard line.

To qualify as marksman, Marines must score 15 to 30 destroys and one successful completion of any type of drill. Sharpshooter requires 31 to 42 destroys and one successful completion of two types of drills. Expert requires 43 to 50 destroys and one successful completion of each type of drill.

"If you look at a marksman, he is lethal, but he is most lethal in the collective, whereas if you have an expert, that Marine is able to kill a lot of enemy on his own," Costa said.



Poll: 71% believe Antifa is 'Domestic Terrorist Group'

(Breitbart) - A Harvard-Harris poll, which surveyed 1,778 registered voters from February 23-25, 2021, found 71 percent of respondents believe ANTIFA is a "domestic terrorist group..."

The poll followed up with another question:

Do you think that the events at the U.S. Capitol

are being used by politicians to suppress legitimate political movements or do you think there is no such suppression of legitimate movements? Sixty-two Percent said yes. Thirty-six percent said no.

According to the poll, President Joe Biden's least popular executive orders are:

- Requiring schools to let biological boys play girls sports (45 percent/55 percent)
- Reducing deportations for illegal aliens who have committed a crime (45 percent/55 percent)
- Cancelling the Keystone Pipeline (47 percent/53 percent)
- Reducing immigration enforcement (49 percent/51 percent)



BLACK LIVES MATTER

IS THE WHOLE THING ROTTEN?

Black Lives Matter, Inc. brought in \$90M in 2020 while shafting local chapters

(Townhall) - Last year Black Lives Matter Inc. raked in tens of millions-of-dollars as cities around the country were burned in riots, totaling more than \$1 billion in damage.

But according to a new

report from the Associated Press, the \$90 million donated to the political group in 2020 isn't reaching local activists.

Another report recently published in POLITICO shows many individuals

who founded the movement continue to take advantage of its public success while shafting local activists...

So, where did the money go? And how is it being used now? It's still hard to tell.

Michael Brown's father wants \$20M from BLM

(NY Post) - The father of Michael Brown and other activists from Ferguson, Missouri, are demanding financial support from Black Lives Matter after the organization revealed it raised over \$90 million last year.

Michael Brown Sr., whose son was fatally shot by a white police officer in August 2014, along with the other activists who helped propel the movement, want \$20 million from the group to help their community.

"Where is all that money going?" Brown Sr. asked in a Tuesday press release from the International Black Freedom Alliance.

Calendar



GUN SHOWS...

For any and all gun shows scheduled, contact the promoters to verify the show will take place. Many have been cancelled. You can access contact info at gunshowtrader.com.

April
Apr 17-18: Will County Gun Show. Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. Mike (630) 254-0221.

Apr 18: McHenry County Gun Show. McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL. Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982.

Apr 24: Collector Arms Dealers Association Gun Show. DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Tim Zurko (715) 526-9769.

April 25: National Civil War Show & Sale. DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Tim Zurko (715) 526-9769.

CLUBS

Foosland Sportsman's Club
Shooting opportunities open to the public at the Foosland Sportsman's Club. Contact Ron Beatty (217-417-3552) or pagan69@mcchsi.com. Second Tuesdays: 6p Tuesday night trap shoots

DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club
Sunday Breakfasts. **1st and 3rd Sundays.** Dine-in. Serve at 8:30. Arrive early. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, sausage and gravy and more...

Tri-County Gun Club
May 1st: OPEN HOUSE. 9-4p. Open to public! 3441 S. Brookville Road, Polo, IL. tcginfo@tcgc.net or 815 625-7916.
August 21 & 22: OPEN HOUSE! Massive two-day open house. Open to public. Thousands in prizes awarded.

Sullivan Gun Club
April 10, May 8, June 5th: Aspirin Shoots
April 24, May 22, June 19: Bowling Pin Shoots

Do you or your club have regular events you wish to publicize? Submit them to johnnaese1@comcast.net.

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Property of Eric Holder?

Phoenix homeowner uncovers cache of rusty guns

Phoenix, AZ (Phoenix PD Facebook) - Homeowners in a west valley home were digging a hole for a tree when they dug up more than they asked for!



Seems like an odd place to plant a tree.

Imagine their surprise when they found a duffel bag, opened it up, and saw rusted rifles and handguns. They called Phoenix PD and turned them over to detectives, who will investigate if these firearms were used in any crimes.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FAIL...

Arkansas becomes 35th state with 'Stand Your Ground'

(Breitbart) - Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) signed Stand Your Ground legislation into law Wednesday, strengthening law-abiding citizens' ability to defend themselves when under deadly attack.

Portland Mayor wants to "re-fund" the police

(Not The Bee) - Portland, Oregon, the mecca of the "Defund the Police" movement, just saw its 20th homicide of the year after slashing \$16 million from its police budget.

Wanna know how many homicides Portland had at this same time last year? ONE...

Well, now Woke Beta Mayor Ted Wheeler, whose Twitter profile includes his preferred pronouns, is asking for \$2 million to be pumped back into city law enforcement.



Biden Justice Department drops Portland riot cases

Portland, OR (KGW) — Federal prosecutors have dismissed more than one-third of cases stemming from last summer's violent protests in downtown Portland, when protesters clashed with federal agents. KGW reviewed federal court records and found 31 of the 90 protest cases have been dismissed by the U.S. Department of Justice, including a mix of misdemeanor and felony charges.

Some of the most serious charges dropped include four defendants charged with assaulting a federal officer, which is a felony. More than half of the dropped charges were "dismissed with prejudice," which several former federal prosecutors described as extremely rare. "Dismissed with prejudice" means the case can't be brought back to court.

Trust in police grows, while that for Black Lives Matter wanes

(USA Today) - Americans' trust in the Black Lives Matter movement has fallen and their faith in local law enforcement has risen since protests demanding social justice swept the nation last year, according to an exclusive USA TODAY/Ipsos Poll...

Last June, amid accusations of systemic racism in law enforcement, 60% of Americans expressed trust in the Black Lives Matter movement to promote justice and equal treatment of people, compared with 56% who trusted local police to do that.

Now, however, attitudes have shifted significantly. Trust in Black Lives Matter has fallen to 50%; trust in local police and law enforcement has risen to 69%.

Deserving a traitor's reward!

IL Rep. Adam Kinzinger votes to ban private gun transfers in House bill that passed

(GSL) - The US House of Representatives voted 227-203 to ban the private sale of firearms in America on Thursday, March 11. Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, who claims to be a "true conservative," voted for the measure. The bill now faces a vote in the Senate. The bill would require all firearms transfers, except for a handful of narrow exceptions, to get government approval.

The vote happened just minutes after Democrat US House members voted to block notifying law enforcement when illegal aliens fail a background check in an attempt to illegally purchase a firearm.

#18: Montana gets Constitutional Carry

(Breitbart) - Montana became the 18th state to end its concealed carry permit requirement when Gov. Greg Gianforte (R) signed House Bill 102 on Thursday.

The NRA-ILA reported that Gianforte signed HB102, which means Montanans can "carry a firearm for self-defense

throughout the state without a government-mandated permit."

Breitbart News reported that HB102 also removes a number of state government-mandated "gun-free zones" throughout the state.

[Editor: Other states considering Constitutional Carry in 2021: TN, IN, LA, AL, SC, FL, TX...]



Broke 'grassroots' anti-gun groups want executive orders and government cash. Lots of government cash...

Washington (MSN) - ...Rather than wait for Congress to pass funding in an infrastructure or gun control bill, groups like March For Our Lives and Community Justice Action Fund say agencies can and should start allocating funds to community-based programs now. They fear that the administration's

current approach could take weeks, even months to result in progress, and note that such lengthy timelines are at odds with Biden's vow to act on his first day in office.

"We have incidents where there's three or four people getting shot [daily] and we don't get the same kind of uproar and

attention for those kinds of homicides and mainly because they're Black and brown people," said Eddie Bocanegra, senior director of the progressive Heartland Alliance's READI Chicago chapter, who has spoken to the White House.

Censorship continues... Williams was a GSL member when he lived in IL Gannett kills Lee Williams' 'The Gun Writer' website

by Lee Williams (The Gun Writer) - Gannett just killed my old website: TheGunWriter.com and its entire archive.

Gone are eight years worth of stories, photos, videos and other gun-related content.

For a media company that claims it values local journalism, this is unconscionable. They didn't even let me know — no emails or phone calls. They just took it down.

To be clear, they can't touch my new website — thegunwriter.substack.com — but the loss of eight years worth of

hard work is difficult to accept, especially since there were folks featured in the stories who are no longer with us.

Also, and for me this is the worst, there were a lot of stories and profiles of veterans. I never knew Gannett had such disdain for this country's veterans.

The decision was made by Maribel Perez Wadsworth, President of the USA TODAY Network and Publisher of USA TODAY at Gannett.

If you would like to send an email to Maribel and share your thoughts, her email is: maribel@gannett.com

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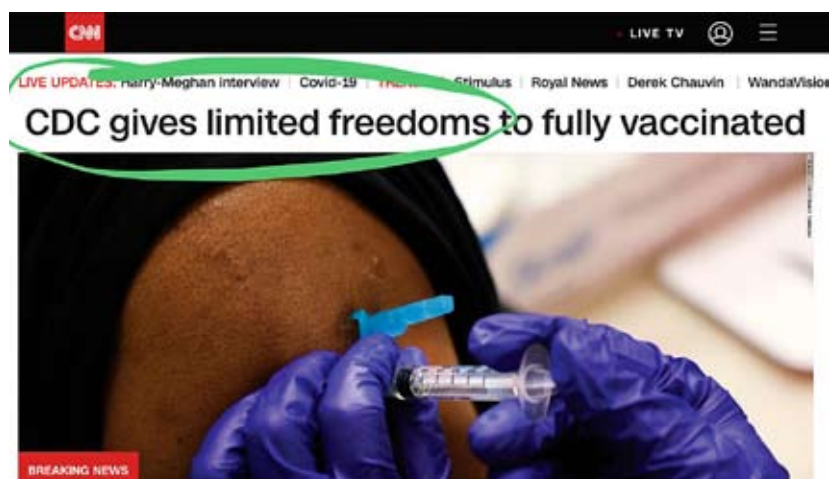
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The view at CNN.com's homepage

(Not The Bee) - "CDC gives limited freedoms to fully vaccinated."

The CDC did what now? They "gave" what?...

These people don't even see how far they've strayed from what America was founded to be. They're statisticians. And they're contagious.

THEY THOUGHT 'EASY MARK.' THEY THOUGHT WRONG

Chicagoland CCW holder thwarts three armed robbers with his carry pistol

Chicago (Tribune) - A 69-year-old concealed carry license holder defended himself Tuesday night against a group of teenagers in a stolen vehicle when they approached him in Beverly and demanded his belongings, police said.

Instead of handing over his wallet or other items, the man drew his handgun and shot toward the group

of boys trying to rob him about 10:35 p.m. in the 10600 block of South Leavitt Street, according to a statement from police. One of the attackers was shot in the knee, police said.

Two of the three people have since been charged, Karie James, a police spokeswoman, said. They were 15 and 16 years old, she said. The person who

was shot in the knee has not been charged with a crime and James did not release his age.

When the 69-year-old shot at the three people, they ran back to a gray Ford Fusion and drove off, authorities said. Police initially misidentified the color of the vehicle as red

Closing on a bit of humor...

(Ace of Spades HQ) - The madam opened the brothel door in Elko County, Nevada, and saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties.

"May I help you, sir?" she asked.

"I want to see Valerie," the man replied.

"Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else," said the madam.

"No, I must see Valerie," he replied.

Just then, Valerie appeared and announced to the man she charged \$10,000 a visit.

Without hesitation, the man pulled out ten thousand dollars and gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After

an hour, the man calmly left.

The next night, the man appeared again, once more demanding to see Valerie.

Valerie explained that no one had ever come back two nights in a row as she was so very expensive. There were no discounts and the price was still \$10,000. The gentleman did not blink an eye. Again, he pulled out a wad of cash, gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.

The following night the man was there yet again. Everyone was astounded that he had come for a third consecutive night, maybe a record in the history of brothels in Nevada, which date back into the early 1800s. But without hesitation he paid Valerie the ten grand and off they went upstairs.

After their session, Valerie said to the man, "No one has ever been with me three nights in a row. Where are you from?"

The man replied, "Billings, Montana."

"Really," she said. "I have family in Billings."

"I know," the man said. "I regret to tell you, but your sister died, and I am her attorney. She asked me to give you your \$30,000 inheritance."

The moral of the story is that three things in life are certain:

1. Death
2. Taxes
3. Being screwed by a lawyer

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